Saint Paul's School - Sports Eligibility Packet

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Please find attached the paperwork required for your child to be eligible to play sports in Louisiana. It is very important that all forms and all sections are filled out completely. If any form is missing signatures or dates, we will be required to return the forms to you delaying your child's ability to participate in practice or games.

If you have questions, please contact Claire Coutrado, Athletic Secretary, at clairec@stpauls.com or 985-892-3200 ext. 1985. Our goals are to keep files up-to-date, and to keep the boys involved.

THE FOLLOWING PAPERWORK MUST BE ON FILE ANNUALLY BEFORE PARTICIPATING:

1. LHSAA Medical History Evaluation

Section I – To be completed and signed by a parent or guardian

Section II – To be filled out and signed by the physician

Physicals are valid for one year.

2. LHSAA Substance Abuse/Misuse Contract and Consent Form

This form must be signed and dated by student, parent, principal and head coach or Athletic Director.

3. LHSAA - Athletic Participation and Parental Permission Form

Part I – The last four digits of the child's **Social Security** number are required for registering him with the LHSAA.

Read eligibility requirements to make sure that none of these rules disqualifies your child.

Part II – Parent's Signature and Date

4. LCMC – Athlete information and Emergency Card

This information is updated annually to ensure that we have accurate information to contact you if needed.

5. LCMC Consent to Treatment and Waiver Liability Form

Our athletic trainers are provided by LCMC Health. This gives them permission to treat your son if necessary.

6. LCMC Consent to Consent to Baseline Cognitive Testing and Release Information

This gives our trainers the ability to properly assess and treat athletes following head injuries.

7. Archdiocese of New Orleans COVID-19 Waiver Form

This form is required by the Archdiocese of New Orleans for all schools in their system.

8. LHSAA Parent and Student-Athlete Concussion Statement

The state requires parents and athletes to sign a concussion fact sheet annually as proof of your awareness of basic concussion protocol.

9. Birth Certificate

If your child is playing sports at St. Paul's for the first time, please supply a birth certificate with his athletic packet. We are required to keep a copy in his athletic file.

Thank you for your help.

We look forward to another year of athletic success at St. Paul's school.

LHSAA MEDICAL HISTORY EVALUATION

IMPORTANT: This form must be completed <u>annually</u>, kept on file with the school, & is subject to inspection by the Rules Compliance Team.

Sport(s):				Sex: M / F Date of Bi	rth:	Age:Cell Phone:_		
Home Address:			City:_	State:	Zip Code	e:Home Phone:		
Parent / Guardia	ın:			Employer:		Work Pho	ne:	
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LHSAA SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MISUSE CONTRACT AND CONSENT FORM

This form must be completed and signed and kept on file with the school and is subject to inspection by the LHSAA Rules Compliance Team. As an LHSAA athlete, I, _______ agree to avoid the abuse or misuse of legal or illegal substances, including anabolic steroids and other performance enhancing drugs. I hereby grant permission to be tested for substance abuse/misuse as a participant in any LHSAA sports program. I furthermore agree to cooperate by providing a urine or hair specimen for testing upon the request of my principal. I understand that should my specimen indicate the abuse or misuse of legal or illegal substances, I will be subject to action specified in my School Drug Policy for Student Athletes. I, _____, parent/guardian of the undersigned student athlete, individually, and on behalf of my child, do hereby grant permission for and consent to said child being tested for substance abuse/misuse in accordance with his/her School Drug Policy for Student Athletes and I understand that if any specimen taken from him/her indicates abuse or misuse of legal or illegal substances, including anabolic steroids and other performance enhancing drugs, he/she will be subject to action specified in the School Drug Policy for Student Athletes for his/her school. Dated: Student Athlete Dated: _____ Rarent/Guardian Principal

1.10 ABUSE AND/OR MISUSE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES - Each member school shall develop and implement a substance abuse/misuse policy including procedures for chemical testing of student-athletes. To be eligible for interscholastic athletics, prior to practicing or participating in a sport at an LHSAA school, a student-athlete and his/her parent(s)/guardian shall sign the LHSAA Substance Abuse/Misuse Contract developed and distributed to all schools by the LHSAA. Once signed, the LHSAA Substance Abuse/Misuse Contract shall remain in effect for the remainder of the student-athlete's eligibility. Schools may also have the student and parent/guardian sign a school issued form in addition to the LHSAA Substance Abuse/Misuse Contract. Schools shall be required to keep the signed form on file at the school.

Head Coach or AD

1.10.1 The penalties for failure to have the required LHSAA Substance Abuse/Misuse Contract(s) for all students completed, properly signed, and maintained in the school files shall be:

Dated: _____

- 1. A school shall be fined \$50 per student, per sport for each LHSAA Substance Abuse/Misuse Form not completed, properly signed, and on file with the school not to exceed \$500 per sport.
- 2. A student in violation of this rule shall not be ruled ineligible for this infraction, but shall be withheld from further team practices and interscholastic athletic participation until a copy of this form is completed and submitted to the Executive Director. The completed form must be faxed or postmarked prior to the athlete's participation

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Athletic Participation/Parental Permission Form

This form must be completed and signed by the student-athlete's parent prior to a student's participation in an athletic contest and shall be kept on file with the school. It shall remain in effect for the remainder of the student's eligibility unless the student transfers to another member school. This form is subject to review/inspection by the LHSAA or its representative.

PART I: STUDENT INFORMATION	(Please	Print)
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AMATEUR

INDEPENDENT TEAM

PART I: STUDENT INFORM	ATION (Flease Frint)
Student's Name: (Last, First, M	iddle)School Year:
Date of Birth:	Last Four Digits of SSN:
Home Address:	
City:	Zip:
My child entered ninth grade in	(month and year). Last semester/year he/she attended High School.
	ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?
A student athlete in an LHSAA sc	ool must meet the following rules to be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition:
RULE	COMMENTS
BONA FIDE STUDENT	A student shall be enrolled in and attending an LHSAA member school on a regular basis and taking the required number of subjects which shall be recorded on the student's official transcript unless student is a special education student or in the 8 th grade or below. A student shamust be counted as a student on the daily attendance records of the school he/she attends Attendance in one class makes you a student at that school.
ENROLLMENT	A student shall be enrolled and attending a school in the first 11 school days of the school semester at any school or will be ineligible for the first 30 school days.
AGE	A student shall not become 19 years of age prior to August 1 of this year.
PROOF OF AGE	A student shall provide legal proof of age, which meets the provisions of the LHSAA handbook, to the school administrator to be kept on file at school.
CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS	Once a student shall enter the ninth grade, he/she shall have eight consecutive semesters to play athletics. (EXCEPTION: Hold-Back Repeat Student – See Rule 1.26.6 of the LHSAA handbook)
SCHOLASTIC	For regular education high school students at the end of the first semester a student shall pass at least six subjects in all subjects taken.
	At the end of the year and prior to the next school year, a student shall must have earned at least six units with an overall "C" average for the entire previous school year as determined by the LEA in all units taken. All seniors must take at least four (4) subjects each semester.
	Special education students must consult the school principal, athletic director, or coach for scholastic information.
RESIDENCE AND SCHOOL TRANSFERS	Upon entering high school for the first time, a student shall have the choice to attend any member school located in the attendance zone in which the student resides with his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) or any other household with whom the student has been residing for the past calendar year and be immediately eligible unless an applicable exception applies. A transfer to another member school in the same attendance zone shall render the student ineligible for one calendar year.
UNDUE INFLUENCE	If a student shall has been recruited to a school for athletic purposes, he/she shall remain

ineligible as long as the student attends that school.

same sport season.

A student cannot play high school athletics if he/she loses their amateur status.

In certain sports a student cannot play on a school team and an independent team during the

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

A student shall annually pass a physical examination given by a licensed physician/ nurse practitioner that is in collaboration with a licensed physician or a licensed physician's assistant under the supervision of a licensed physician and complete an LHSAA Medical History Evaluation form prior to participating.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION/

A school shall only be required to have this form completed and signed prior to the first time PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM a student participates in LHSAA athletics at the school unless the student transfers to another member school.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MISUSE A school shall only be required to have this form completed and signed prior to the first time a CONTRACT & CONSENT FORM student participates in LHSAA athletics at the school.

SUSPENDED AND

INELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Shall not participate in any interscholastic contest on any team at any school at any level.

LHSAA ELIGIBILITY RULES APPLY TO STUDENT-ATHLETES ON ALL TEAMS AT ALL LEVELS OF PLAY AT ALL LHSAA **SCHOOLS**

Eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics is a privilege a student earns by meeting standards outlined on this form and other regulations and policies set by the LHSAA and the student's school. If you have questions or do not fully understand an eligibility rule, check with your child's principal, athletic director or coach. By following the intent and spirit of the rules, you can help prevent violations which may penalize the student, his/her team and/or his/her school.

ONE INELIGIBLE STUDENT MAY DISQUALIFY YOUR WHOLE TEAM - KNOW THE ELIGIBLITY RULES

PART II - PARENTAL PERMISSION

I have read and reviewed the general requirements for high school athletic eligibility on this form and have discussed these requirements with my child. I understand additional questions/explanations and specific circumstances should be directed to my child's principal, athletic director or coach.

I certify the home address listed on this form is my sole bona fide residence and that I will notify the school principal immediately of any change in my residence, since such a move may alter the eligibility status of my child. All other information given is also accurate and current.

I give my permission for the athletic trainer to release information concerning my child's injuries to the head coach/ athletic director/principal of his/her school. Additionally, I give the LHSAA or it representative(s) permission to review my child's scholastic records and all required eligibility forms however submitted by the school or myself.

If the medical status of my child changes in any significant manner after he/she passes his/her physical examination, I will notify his/her principal of the change immediately.

I hereby give my consent and approval for mv child to participate in anv of the following LHSAA sports:

BASEBALL BASKETBALL BOWLING

GOLF **GYMNASTICS POWERLIFTING** SWIMMING **TENNIS**

CROSS COUNTRY FOOTBALL

SOCCER SOFTBALL TRACK AND FIELD VOLLEYBALL WRESTLING

I certify all the information is correct, that I have read the summary of LHSAA eligibility rules below and I am in compliance with these standards. I also acknowledge that my child, by my signature below, has my permission to participate in interscholastic athletics during his attendance at this school. I also understand that this form shall only be completed prior to my child's first participation in any athletic contest of any sport and shall remain in effect for his/her entire athletic eligibility unless he/she transfers to another member school.

By signing below, I agree that my child and I will support and comply with all rules, policies and procedures of the LHSAA as set forth in its Handbook, including its Constitution and Bylaws.

Date:	Parent's Signature:	
Relationship to Student	(Print Name)	
(Principal Signature) _	Treem C. Wate	



ATHLETE INFORMATION CARD

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Consent to Treatment and Waiver of Liability Form

I, (parent/guardian) of	f (student/a	athlete)
understand that LCMC Sports Medicine (Children's Hospital, I		fferson
Medical Center, East Jefferson General Hospital, and University	sity Medical Center) provides athletic training, first ai	d and
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(School/Event).). In case of emergency or accident on the school gro	ounds o
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personnel of LCMC Sports Medicine requires immediate med		
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personnel to treat the condition unless I am present and requ	uest otherwise or until revoked.	
I also hereby release and agree to hold harmless all entities o	of LCMC Sports Medicine, their employees and agent	ːs,
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Student Name		
Student Signature	Date	
Parent/Guardian Name	_	
Parent/Guardian Name		
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Phone Number		



Consent for Baseline Cognitive Testing and Release of Information

I give my permission for (name of child)	
born (date of birth), to have a base	eline ImPACT [®] (Immediate Post-Concussion
Assessment and Cognitive Testing) test administered at	(School)
I understand that my child may need to be tested more than once	e, depending upon the results of the test. I
understand there is no charge for the testing.	
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primary care physician, neurologist, other treating physician, or a	
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requested when/if needed.	
Name of parent/guardian	
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Preferred Contact Number: Home Cell Work	

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Participant's name:		
Birth date:	Sex:	
Parent/Guardian's name:		
Home address:		
Home phone:	Business phone:	
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Signature:	Date:	

Louisiana High School Athletic Association Parent and Student-Athlete Concussion Statement

□ I understan	d that it is my r	esponsibility to report all injuries and illnesse	es to my coach, athle	tic trainer
and/or team pl	-			
		the Concussion Fact Sheet.		
After reading tl	he Concussion F	act Sheet, I am aware of the following inforn	nation:	
Parent Initial	Student Initial			
		A concussion is a brain injury, which I am re	sponsible for report	ing to my
		coach , athletic trainer, or team physician.		
		A concussion can affect my ability to perfor	m everyday activitie	s, and
		affect reaction time, balance, sleep, and cla	ssroom performanc	e
		You cannot see a concussion, but you might	t notice some of the	symptoms
		right away. Other symptoms can show up h	nours or days after th	he injury.
		If I suspect a teammate has a concussion, I	•	eporting
		the injury to my coach, athletic trainer, or t	eam physician.	
I will not return to play in a game or practice if I have received a				
		the head or body that results in concussion	-related symptoms.	
		Following concussion the brain needs time	to heal. You are mu	ch more likely
		to have a repeat concussion if you return to resolve.) play before your sy	mptoms
		In rare cases, repeat concussions can cause	permanent brain da	amage, and
		even death.		_
		Signature	of Student-Athlete	Date
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		Signature	of Parent/Guardian	Date
		Printed nam	e of Parent/Guardian	







A Fact Sheet for ATHLETES

WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?

A concussion is a brain injury that:

- . Is caused by a bump or blow to the head
- · Can change the way your brain normally works
- Can occur during practices or games in any sport
- Can happen even if you haven't been knocked out
- · Can be serious even if you've just been "dinged"

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION?

- · Headache or "pressure" in head
- · Nausea or vomiting
- · Balance problems or dizziness
- · Double or blurry vision
- · Bothered by light
- · Bothered by noise
- · Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- · Difficulty paying attention
- Memory problems
- Confusion
- · Does not "feel right"

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK I HAVE A CONCUSSION?

 Tell your coaches and your parents. Never ignore a bump or blow to the head even if you feel fine. Also, tell your coach if one of your teammates might have a concussion.

- Get a medical check up. A doctor or health care professional can tell you if you have a concussion and when you are OK to return to play.
- Give yourself time to get better. If you have had a concussion, your brain needs time to heal. While your brain is still healing, you are much more likely to have a second concussion. Second or later concussions can cause damage to your brain. It is important to rest until you get approval from a doctor or health care professional to return to play.

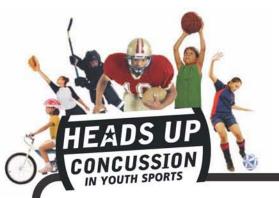
HOW CAN I PREVENT A CONCUSSION?

Every sport is different, but there are steps you can take to protect yourself.

- Follow your coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Practice good sportsmanship at all times.
- Use the proper sports equipment, including personal protective equipment (such as helmets, padding, shin guards, and eye and mouth guards). In order for equipment to protect you, it must be:
- The right equipment for the game, position, or activity
- > Worn correctly and fit well
- Used every time you play

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A Fact Sheet for PARENTS

WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?

A concussion is a brain injury. Concussions are caused by a bump or blow to the head. Even a "ding," "getting your bell rung," or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

You can't see a concussion. Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms yourself, seek medical attention right away.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION?

Signs Observed by Parents or Guardians

If your child has experienced a bump or blow to the head during a game or practice, look for any of the following signs and symptoms of a concussion:

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets an instruction
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can't recall events prior to hit or fall
- Can't recall events after hit or fall

Symptoms Reported by Athlete

- · Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- · Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion
- Does not "feel right"

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD PREVENT A CONCUSSION?

Every sport is different, but there are steps your children can take to protect themselves from concussion.

- Ensure that they follow their coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Encourage them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.
- Make sure they wear the right protective equipment for their activity (such as helmets, padding, shin guards, and eye and mouth guards). Protective equipment should fit properly, be well maintained, and be worn consistently and correctly.
- Learn the signs and symptoms of a concussion.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD HAS A CONCUSSION?

- Seek medical attention right away. A health care professional will be able to decide how serious the concussion is and when it is safe for your child to return to sports.
- 2. Keep your child out of play. Concussions take time to heal. Don't let your child return to play until a health care professional says it's OK. Children who return to play too soon—while the brain is still healing—risk a greater chance of having a second concussion. Second or later concussions can be very serious. They can cause permanent brain damage, affecting your child for a lifetime.
- 3. Tell your child's coach about any recent concussion. Coaches should know if your child had a recent concussion in ANY sport. Your child's coach may not know about a concussion your child received in another sport or activity unless you tell the coach.

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