



# Consent and Release from Liability Certificate (Page 1 of 2)

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School: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 1. Student Acknowledgement and Release (to be signed by student at the bottom)

I have read the SDMC Eligibility Rules printed on Page 2 of this "Consent and Release Certificate" and know of no reason why I am not eligible to represent my school in interscholastic athletic competition. If accepted as a representative, I agree to follow the rules of my school and SDMC and to abide by their decisions. I know that athletic participation is a privilege. I know of the risks involved in athletic participation, understand that serious injury, including the potential for a concussion, and even death, is possible in such participation, and choose to accept such risks. I voluntarily accept any and all responsibility for my own safety and welfare while participating in athletics, with full understanding of the risks involved. Should I be 18 years of age or older, or should I be emancipated from my parent(s)/guardian(s), I hereby release and hold harmless my school, the schools against which it competes, the school district, the contest officials and SDMC of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against the SDMC because of any accident or mishap involving my athletic participation. I hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I hereby grant to SDMC the right to review all records relevant to my athletic eligibility including, but not limited to, my records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence and physical fitness. I hereby grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape me and further to use my name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising, promotional and commercial materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein. I understand that the authorizations and rights granted herein are voluntary and that I may revoke any or all of them at any time by submitting said revocation in writing to my school. By doing so, however, I understand that I will no longer be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics.

### Part 2. Parental/Guardian Consent, Acknowledgement and Release (to be completed and signed by a parent(s)/guardian(s) at the bottom; where divorced or separated, parent/guardian with legal custody must sign.)

A. I hereby give consent for my child/ward to participate in any SDMC recognized or sanctioned sport **EXCEPT** for the following sport(s):  
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B. I know of, and acknowledge that my child/ward knows of, the risks involved in interscholastic athletic participation, understand that serious injury, and even death, is possible in such participation and choose to accept any and all responsibility for his/her safety and welfare while participating in athletics. With full understanding of the risks involved, I release and hold harmless my child's/ward's school, the schools against which it competes, the school district, and the contest officials of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against the SDMC because of any accident or mishap involving the athletic participation of my child/ward. I authorize emergency medical treatment for my child/ward should the need arise for such treatment while my child/ward is under the supervision of the school. I further hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my child's/ward's individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I consent to the disclosure to the SDMC, upon its request, of all records relevant to my child/ward's athletic eligibility including, but not limited to, records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence and physical fitness. I grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape my child/ward and further to use said child's/ward's name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising, promotional and commercial materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein.

C. I am aware of the potential danger of concussions and/or head and neck injuries in interscholastic athletics. I also have knowledge about the risk of continuing to participate once such an injury is sustained without proper medical clearance.

**READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF MY CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CONTEST OFFICIALS USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM MY CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS AND THE SDMC IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO RE-FUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND MY CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CONTEST OFFICIALS HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.**

E. I agree that in the event we/I pursue litigation seeking injunctive relief or other legal action impacting my child (individually) or my child's team participation in SDMC intramural contests, such action shall be filed in the Manatee County, Florida, Circuit Court.

F. I understand that the authorizations and rights granted herein are voluntary and that I may revoke any or all of them at any time by submitting said revocation in writing to my school. By doing so, however, I understand that my child/ward will no longer be eligible for participation in intramural/interscholastic athletics.

G. Please check the appropriate box(es):

\_\_\_\_ My child/ward is covered under our family health insurance plan, which has limits of not less than \$25,000.

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ My child/ward is covered by his/her school's activities medical base insurance plan.

### I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE (Only one parent/guardian signature is required)

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE (student must sign)

Name of Student (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



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## Attention Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Your school is a member of the School District of Manatee County (SDMC) and follows established rules. To be eligible to represent your school in Intramural / interscholastic athletics, in an SDMC recognized sport (Cross country, Soccer, basketball, volleyball and flag football) the student must meet all requirements below:

1. **This form is non-transferable;** a separate form must be completed for each different school at which a student participates.
2. Must be regularly enrolled and in regular attendance at your school. **If the student is a home education student or attends a charter school or Florida Virtual School - Full time Program or a special/alternative school or certain small non-member private schools, the student must declare in writing his/her intention to participate in athletics to the school at which the student is permitted to participate.** Home education students and students attending small non-member private schools must be approved through the office of student assignment.
3. Must attend school within 10 days of the beginning of **each semester** to be eligible during **that semester**.
4. Must carry a normal class load, maintain satisfactory classroom work (minimum 2.0 grade point average on previous quarter's report card) and maintain a satisfactory conduct record (NO 4's in Citizenship on the previous quarter's report card). Sixth grade students are exempt for soccer only.
5. Must be less than 15 years 9 months of age. On the day a student reaches this age, regardless of when that day is, the student becomes ineligible to participate on the middle school level.
6. Must obtain signed permission from his/her parents or guardian on a form provided by the school.
7. Must have a school physical on file with the school.
8. Must be an amateur. This means that the student must not accept money, gift or donation for participating in a sport, or use a name other than his/her own when participating.
9. Must display good sportsmanship and follow the rules of competition before, during and after every contest in which the student participates. If not, the student may be barred from participation for a period of time.
10. Must not provide false information to gain eligibility.
11. All non-traditional student eligibility will be determined on a semester to semester basis.

### Additional Requirements for Participation:

12. A student may not participate if serving an out of school suspension the day of competition.
13. A student must attend a minimum of one half of a day of school to practice or participate in an athletic contest.
14. All participants must have appropriate paperwork (physical form and parent consent form) on file in the athletic director's office before the beginning of the All Star Tournament.
15. A student transferring into a school must meet eligibility requirements. The student cannot take the spot of an existing team player on the roster.
16. Students are selected for the teams at the discretion of the coach.

If the student is declared or ruled ineligible due to one or more of the SDMC rules and regulations, the student has the right to request that the school file an appeal on behalf of the student. See the principal or athletic director for information regarding this process.

**By signing this agreement, the undersigned acknowledges that the information on the Consent and Release from Liability Certificate in regards to the SDMC's established rules and eligibility have been read and understood.**

Name of Student-Athlete (printed)	Signature of Student-Athlete	Date <u>    </u> / <u>    </u> / <u>    </u>
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Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date <u>    </u> / <u>    </u> / <u>    </u>
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