

**WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
PERMISSION FORM**

Participation in athletics is inherently dangerous. Even when all reasonable precautions are taken, students can be, and indeed, may be injured. All students participate in athletics voluntarily with the permission of their parents or guardians and will follow all rules pertaining to students and athletics set by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and the Worcester Public Schools Policy handbook.

Worcester Public Schools student athletes and their parents/guardians:

- Understand that they may be photographed or videotaped by the media during games and/or practices
- Accept the inherent risks associated with participation in athletics
- Accept the inherent risks associated with transportation to and from games and practices
- Have read the Fact Sheet for Parents and Fact Sheet for Athletes regarding concussion (attached)

- Understand and acknowledge that the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and is extremely contagious. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distances and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

- Understand and acknowledge that the Worcester Public Schools Athletic Department has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and has used good faith efforts to meet the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Health whose recommendations were based upon scientific data regarding COVID-19.

- Understand and acknowledge that the Worcester Public Schools Athletic Department cannot guarantee that students will not become infected with COVID-19. By signing his agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death.

- Understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the Worcester Public Schools Athletic Department facilities may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others.

- Agree to abide by all social distancing guidelines, Worcester Public Schools Athletic Department rules, regulations and protocols and understand that the Worcester Public Schools Athletic Department may revise its rules, regulations and protocols at any time based upon updated recommended guidance and protocols issued by the CDC and/or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and further agree to comply with the Worcester Public Schools Athletic Department's revised procedures prior to utilizing the facilities, services and programs of the Worcester Public Schools Athletic Department.

HISTORY OF HEAD INJURY

Has student ever experienced a traumatic head injury (a blow to the head)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, when? Dates (month/year): _____

Has student ever received medical attention for a head injury? Yes _____ No _____

○ If yes, when? Dates (month/year): _____

○ If yes, please describe the circumstances: _____

Was student diagnosed with a concussion? Yes _____ No _____

○ If yes, when? Dates (month/year): _____

- o Duration of symptoms (such as headache, difficulty concentrating, fatigue) for most recent concussion: _____

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Sport: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian:

Name: _____

(Please print)

Signature

Date

Student Athlete: _____

Signature

Date

School Nurse: _____

Signature

Date

Emergency Contact

Name: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

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