



Nebraska School Activities Association
School Sports Qualifying Screening Evaluation
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE PRE-PARTICIPATION FORM

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL FORMS

The NSAA's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has recommended that schools utilize a different form and different procedures than have previously been used for activities pre-participation physical examinations. Medical professionals on the NSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee expressed concerns that some of the processes of collection of and access to confidential student medical information for athletic participation purposes would likely constitute an infringement of privacy.

In the past, the two-part NSAA pre-participation physical form included (1) a page of student medical history, and (2) a page with the actual examination report. Once the physical examination was completed, both the medical history and examination report were filed with the student's high school, often by the physician or medical clinic—a practice that has been challenged as infringing on privacy.

The attached form is a product of and used with the approval of the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Sports Medicine, American Medical Society for Sports medicine, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, and American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine.

This proposed three-part form includes (1) a History Form; (2) the actual Physical Examination Form; and (3) the Clearance Form. It is anticipated that the examining physician would retain on file the History Form and the Physical Examination Form, with only the Clearance Form being returned to the student to be placed on file in the school office.

SCHOOL ENTRY PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

This physical examination form and procedures is intended for pre-participation athletic physicals. In the past, some schools have utilized the NSAA physical form for school-entry physicals. This form could be used for that purpose, as well, but it is important to note that there may be important components of the school-entry physical examination requirements that are not included on this form (e.g., vision examination).

SIGNATURE(S)

For the form to be valid, it must be signed by a physician or medical person within the scope of his/her training and within the limits defined by state statutes as to services which can be legally performed by the field of practice to which the individual belongs.

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

The Parental Consent Form is a form based on current language making sure parents and athletes understand completely there are risks with any athletic activity. This form is very "generic" and can be easily modified to fit the individual school. Since some schools may want to be very specific in their forms, this form may be modified. It is currently designed to refer to a school's specific sets of policies, rules and regulations for athletic participation. The Parental Consent Form should be placed on file for every student who participates in NSAA activities, athletic and non-athletic.