South Dakota High School Activities Association



Pre-Participation Form Packet

2025-26 School Year

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Within this packet, you will find the following forms and information to be distributed to participants in SDHSAA Activities for the 2024-25 School Year in accord with local and SDHSAA Policy:

- SDHSAA Pre-Participation Exam Bylaw information (information only)
- SDHSAA PARENTAL CONSENT & PERMIT FORM to be completed EVERY year, regardless of whether or not the athlete is having a physical exam.
- SDHSAA CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT FORM to be completed EVERY year, regardless of whether or not the athlete is having a physical exam.
- SDHSAA CONTENT FOR RELEASE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION (HIPAA) FORM – to be completed every year, regardless of whether or not the athlete is having a physical exam.
- SDHSAA CONCUSSION FACT SHEETS to be completed EVERY year, regardless of whether or not the athlete is having a physical exam. Return to the school.
- SDHSAA INTERIM PRE PARTICIAPTION FORM to be completed only in years when a physical exam is not being given (biennial/triennial).
- SDHSAA HEALTH HISTORY FORM to be completed only in years when an actual physical exam is being given (annual/biennial/triennial).
- SDHSAA PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EXAM FORM to be completed as the record of the physical examination, when prescribed.

2025-26 SDHSAA PARTICIPATION FORM GUIDELINES

By SDHSAA Bylaws, the following applicable responsibilities exist for the respective parties:

School Boards/Districts:

- Each School Board and/or governing body shall determine the frequency of physical examinations. Per the SDHSAA and the American Academy of Pediatrics, et. al. C, 2019, Physical Examinations of High School athletes should be completed at a minimum of once every three years.
- 2. All student health information must be handled and stored according to HIPAA and FERPA regulations.

Member Schools Athletic/Activities Departments:

- 1. Each member school shall provide copies of blank forms as sufficient so that all students may complete them prior to participation.
- 2. Member schools must keep on file each of the forms as listed on the previous page.
- 3. Member schools may allow physical exams to be completed after April 1 of the previous school year to apply to the ensuing school year.
- 4. All student health information must be handled and stored according to HIPAA and FERPA regulations.

Medical Professionals:

- The certification of forms requiring a medical professional are specific to those individuals who are a Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy, Doctor of Chiropractic, Physician Assistants or Nurse Practitioners (South Dakota Codified Law). Stamping the name of a clinic or association is not acceptable – all forms must be signed by authorized medical professionals where applicable.
- 2. The medical history forms must be made present to the person conducting the physical exam at the time of the examination.

SDHSAA CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES

Student Name:	Date of Birth:
School Year: 2025-26 School Year	Place of Birth:
Name of High School:	

The parent and student, by signing this form, hereby:

- 1. Understand and agree that participation in SDHSAA sponsored activities is voluntary on the part of the student and is considered a privilege.
- 2. Understand and agree that:

(a) By this Consent Form the SDHSAA has provided notification to the parent and student of the existence of potential dangers associated with athletic participation;

(b) Participation in any athletic activity may involve injury of some type;

(c) The severity of such injuries can range from minor cuts, bruises, sprains, and muscle strains to more serious injuries such as injuries to the body's bones, joints, ligaments, tendons, or muscles. Catastrophic injuries to the head, neck and spinal cord and concussions may also occur. On rare occasions, injuries so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis and death;

(d) Even with the best coaching, use of the best protective equipment, and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility; and;

(e) By signing this form, I/we give our consent for the listed student to compete in SDHSAA approved athletics for the school year as listed on this form. Further, I/we give our permission for our child to participate in organized high school athletics, realizing that such activity involves the potential for injury and harm which exists as an inherent element in all sports.

- 3. Understand, consent and agree to participation of the student in SDHSAA activities subject to all SDHSAA bylaws and rules interpretations for participation in SDHSAA sponsored activities, and the activities rules of the SDHSAA member school for which the student is participating; and
- 4. Understand, consent and agree that personally identifiable directory information may be disclosed about the student as a result of his/her participation in SDHSAA sponsored activities. Such directory information may include, but is not limited to, the student's photograph, name, grade level, height, weight, and participation in officially recognized activities and sports. If I/we do not wish to have any or all such information disclosed, I/we must notify the above-mentioned high school, in writing, of our refusal to allow disclosure of any or all such information prior to the student's participation in sponsored activities.

Signature of Parent

Date

Signature of Student

Date

SDHSAA CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT FORM

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

The SDHSAA recommends that all member schools receive consent from all students and parent/guardians prior to activities, to ensure that medical care can be provided to the student during any activity away from home. This form should be kept both on-file at the school, as well as in the possession of a student's coach/sponsor authorizing as below:

CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT (for those children 18 and under at any time during the 2025-26 school year):

I, _____, am the (circle one) Parent or Legal Guardian, of

_____, who participates in activities and/or athletics for

High School. I hereby consent to necessary medical services

that may be required while said child is under the supervision of an employee of the fore-mentioned high school

while on a school-sponsored activity, and hereby appoint said employee to act on behalf of myself in securing

medical services from any duly licensed medical provider. Signatures on this form do not constitute consent for

vaccinations of any kind.

Signature of Parent

Date

CONSENT OF PARTICIPANT (for all students to complete):

I, _____, have read the above consent for medical treatment form

signed above, or, as an individual of majority age, consent to those same medical services and actions as

indicated above on this form.

Signature of Student

Date

SDHSAA CONSENT FOR MEDICAL RELEASE FORM (HIPAA)

Student Name:	 Grade:	Date of Birth: _

I/We the undersigned do hereby:

- 1. Authorize the use or disclosure of the above named individual's health information including the Initial and Interim Pre-Participation History and Physical Exam information pertaining to a student's ability to participate in South Dakota High School Activities Association sponsored activities. Such disclosure may be made by any Health Care Provider generating or maintaining such information for the purposes of evaluating, observing, diagnosing and creating treatment plans for injuries that occur during the time period covered by this form, or, from pre-existing conditions that require care plans pertaining to participation during the time period covered by this form.
- 2. The information identified above may be used by or disclosed to the school nurse, athletic trainer, coaches, medical providers and other school personnel involved in the medical care of this student.
- 3. This information for which I/we are authorizing disclosure will be used for the purpose of determining the student's eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities, any limitations on such participation and any treatment needs of the student.
- 4. I understand that I have a right to revoke this authorization at any time. I understand that if I revoke this authorization, I must do so in writing and present my written revocation to the school administration. I understand that the revocation will not apply to information that has already been released in response to this authorization. I understand that the revocation will not apply to my insurance company when the law provides my insurer with the right to contest a claim under my policy.
- 5. This authorization will expire on July 1, 2026.
- 6. I understand that once the above information is disclosed, there is potential for it to be re-disclosed by the recipient and the information may not be protected by federal privacy laws or regulations. Schools, School districts and school personnel are to uphold the bounds of FERPA. As such, disclosure and re-disclosure by schools or school employees must be done in compliance with FERPA guidelines.
- 7. I understand authorizing the use or disclosure of the information identified above is voluntary. However, a student's eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities depends on such authorization. I need not sign this form to ensure healthcare treatment.

Signature of Parent

Date

Signature of Student (if over 18 or turning 18 before July 1, 2026)

Date

This form must be completed annually and must be available for inspection at the school

SDHSAA CONCUSSION FACT SHEET FOR STUDENTS-

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 your brain normally works
- Can occur during practices or games in any sport or recreational activity
- Can happen even if you haven't been knocked out
- Can be serious even if you've just been "dinged" or "had your bell rung"

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

What are the symptoms of a concussion?

You can't see a concussion, but you might notice one or more of the symptoms listed below or that you "don'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
- Bothered by light or noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Difficulty paying attention
- Memory problems
- Confusion

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 right away if you think you have a concussion or if one of your teammates might have a concussion.
- **Get a medical check-up.** A doctor or other health care professional can tell if you have a concussion and when it is OK to return to play.
- **Give yourself time to get better.** If you have a concussion, your brain needs time to heal. While your brain is still healing, you are much more likely to have another concussion. Repeat concussions can increase the time it takes for you to recover and may cause more damage to your brain. It is important to rest and not return to play until you get the OK from your health care professional that you are symptom-free.

How can I prevent a concussion?

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

- Use the proper sports equipment, including personal protective equipment. In order for equipment to protect you, it must be:
 - The right equipment for the game, position, or activity
 - Worn correctly and the correct size and fit
 - Used every time you play or practice
- Follow you coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport
- Practice good sportsmanship at all times

IT IS BETTER TO MISS ONE GAME THAN A WHOLE SEASON - SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING!!!

Student's Name (Please Print)

Date

Signature of Student

Date

SDHSAA CONCUSSION FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS-

What is a concussion?

A concussion is a traumatic brain injury that interferes with the normal function of the brain.

What are the signs and symptoms?

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 after the injury. If your teen reports, one or more symptoms of concussion listed below, or if you notice the symptoms yourself, keep your teen out of play and seek medical attention.

Signs Observed By Parents or Guardians	Symptoms Reported by Athlete
• Dazed, vacant, or stunned appearance	 Headache or "pressure" in head
 Is confused about assignment or position 	Neck pain
Forgetfulness	Nausea
 Is unsure of game, score, or opponent 	Balance problems or dizziness
Moves clumsily	Double or blurry vision
Answers questions slowly	 Sensitivity to light or noise
• Shows mood, behavior, or personality	• Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
changes	Concentration or memory problems
• Can't recall events prior to or after hit or	Confusion
fall	 Just not "feeling right" or is "feeling down"

How can you help your teen prevent a concussion?

Every sport is different, but there are steps your teens can take to protect themselves from concussion and other injuries.

- Make sure they wear the right protective equipment for their activity. It should fit properly, be well maintained, and be worn consistently and correctly.
- Ensure that they follow their coaches' rules for safety and the rules of the sport
- Encourage them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.

What should you do if you think your child has a concussion?

If your child sustains a head injury, it is good to be aware of the signs and symptoms of a concussion. If you suspect an athlete has a concussion, the athlete must be removed from activity. Do not allow the athlete to drive until symptoms have resolved. Continuing to participate in a contact or collision sport while experiencing concussion symptoms can lead to worsening of symptoms, increased risk of further injury, and sometimes death.

Parents and coaches should not make the diagnosis of a concussion. Any athlete suspected of having a concussion should be evaluated by a medical professional trained in the diagnosis and management of concussions.

WHEN IN DOUBT, SIT THEM OUT!

Parent's Name

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

Student's Name

SDHSAA <u>INTERIM PRE PARTICIPATION</u> HEALTH HISTORY FORM -- Complete & Sign this form (with parents if younger than 18) in <u>years when no physical</u> is given to the student.

Ν	ame: Date of Birth:									
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	current medical conditions:									
	Have you ever had surgery?									
	If Yes, list all procedures:									
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	or supplements you currently take:									
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	If Yes, Please list them here:									
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RECERTIFICATION OF HEALTH: I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, my answers on this form are complete and correct & the above named student is physically fit to participate in interscholastic athletics for the current school year, including those areas marked 'yes' above:

Signature of Athlete: ______ Signature of parent/guardian (if under 18): _ Date:

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SDHSAA HEALTH HISTORY FORM - To be completed (with parent/guardian if student is under 18) in years when a physical exam is given, prior to the exam.

Ν	ame: Date of Birth:									
C	ate of Exam:			_	Sports:					
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	current medical conditions:									
	Have you ever had surgery?									
	If Yes, list all procedures:									
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	Do you have any allergies?									
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CERTIFICATION OF HEALTH: I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, my answers on this form are complete and correct:

Signature of Athlete: _

Signature of parent/guardian (if under 18): _____

Date:

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SDHSAA PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EXAM FORM

Athlete Name:

Date of Birth:

Date of Exam: ______Annual/Biennial/Triennial: ______

Physician Reminders:

1. Consider additional questions on more sensitive issues:

- Do you feel stressed out or under a lot of pressure?
- Do you ever feel sad, hopeless, depressed or anxious?
- Do you feel safe at your home or residence?
- Have you ever tried cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, snuff or dip?
- Over the past 30 days, have you used chewing tobacco, snuff or dip?
- Do you drink alcohol or use any other drugs?
- Have you ever taken anabolic steroids or used any other performance-enhancing supplement?
- Have you ever taken any supplements to help you gain or lose weight or improve your performance?
- Do you wear a seatbelt or helmet?

2. Consider reviewing questions on cardiovascular symptoms (#4-13 on health history form)

Height:	Weight:	BP:						
Pulse:	Vision: R 20/ L 20/	Corrected?:						

MEDICAL	Normal	Abnormal Findings
Appearance		
Head/Mouth		
Eyes, ears, nose and throat - Pupils equal & Hearing		
Lymph Nodes		
Heart* -Heart sounds, murmurs, pulse, rhythm, auscultation		
Lungs		
Abdomen - Liver/Spleen, masses		
Skin - HSV, Lesions, Staph, MRSA, etc.		
Neurological		
MUSCULOSKELETAL	Normal	Abnormal Findings
Neck		
Back		
Shoulder & Arm		
Elbow & Forearm		
Wrist, Hand and Fingers		
Hip & Thigh		
Клее		
Leg & Ankle		
Foot & Toes		
Functional		
 Double-leg squat test, single-leg squat test, box drop or step drop test 		

Consider electrocardiography (ECG), echocardiography, referral to a cardiologist for abnormal cardiac history or exam findings, or a combination

Sports Participation Recommended for (Mark One):

- □ Medically eligible for all sports without restriction
- \Box Medically eligible for all sports without restriction with recommendation
 - for further evaluation or treatment of: ______
- Medically eligible for certain sports (list here):
- Not medically eligible pending further evaluation:
- Not medically eligible for any sports:

Name of Examiner:

Signature of Examiner:

Date of Exam:

Note: SDCL allows Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy, Doctor of Chiropractic, Licensed Physician Assistant and Licensed Nurse Practitioners as those that can provide this recommendation.

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