

Louisiana High School Athletic Association

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)

Student's Name: (Last, First, Middle) _____ 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 school must meet the following rules to be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition:

| <u>RULE</u> | <u>COMMENTS</u> |
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| 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 shall must 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 September 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 1.20.6 of the LHSAA handbook) |
| SCHOLASTIC | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Special education students must consult the school principal, athletic director, or coach for scholastic information.</p> |
| 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. |
| AMATEUR | A student cannot play high school athletics if he/she loses their amateur status. |
| INDEPENDENT TEAM | In certain sports a student cannot play on a school team and an independent team during the same sport season. |

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

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MISUSE CONTRACT & CONSENT FORM A school shall only be required to have this form completed and signed prior to the first time a 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 ELIGIBILITY 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 **my child** to participate in **any** of the following LHSAA sports:

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| BASEBALL | GOLF | SWIMMING |
| BASKETBALL | GYMNASTICS | TENNIS |
| BOWLING | POWERLIFTING | TRACK AND FIELD |
| CROSS COUNTRY | SOCCER | VOLLEYBALL |
| FOOTBALL | SOFTBALL | 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.

Date: _____ **Parent's Signature:** _____

(Print Name) _____

Relationship to Student _____

Telephone No: (_____) _____

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: _____

Parent/Guardian

Notes: Rule 1.9 of the LHSAA By-Laws, states that this contract shall remain in effect for the remainder of the student's eligibility. This means the contract only has to be signed once by both the student and his/her parent or guardian but the terms remain in effect for the student's entire high school career.

According to Rule 1.9.1 of the LHSAA By-Laws, without the signature of the student athlete and his/her parent/guardian, the student is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic contests at all levels of play in all LHSAA sports at all LHSAA schools until compliance with Rule 1.9.1 is obtained from both parties.

Any student participating in an interscholastic athletic contest(s) without a properly signed contract shall be classified as an ineligible student and both the student and school shall be penalized according to Rule 1.9.1.

Signature of the LHSAA's contract does not necessarily mean the student athlete will be tested. Federal courts have consistently ruled participation in high school athletics is a privilege, not an educational right.