

Fort Cherry High School
Pre-Participation Player Packet
2023 – 2024

All physicals must be dated after May 31st, 2023 or they will not be accepted.



Student Name _____

Grade _____

Fall Sport(s) _____

Winter Sport(s) _____

Spring Sport(s) _____



**PIAA COMPREHENSIVE INITIAL
PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION**



INITIAL EVALUATION: Prior to any student participating in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests, at any PIAA member school in any school year, the student is required to (1) complete a Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE); and (2) have the appropriate person(s) complete the first six Sections of the CIPPE Form. Upon completion of Sections 1 and 2 by the parent/guardian; Sections 3, 4, and 5 by the student and parent/guardian; and Section 6 by an Authorized Medical Examiner (AME), those Sections must be turned in to the Principal, or the Principal's designee, of the student's school for retention by the school. The CIPPE may not be authorized earlier than June 1st and shall be effective, regardless of when performed during a school year, until the latter of the next May 31st or the conclusion of the spring sports season.

SUBSEQUENT SPORT(S) IN THE SAME SCHOOL YEAR: Following completion of a CIPPE, the same student seeking to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests in subsequent sport(s) in the same school year, must complete Section 7 of this form and must turn in that Section to the Principal, or Principal's designee, of his or her school. The Principal, or the Principal's designee, will then determine whether Section 8 need be completed.

SECTION 1: PERSONAL AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student's Name _____ Male/Female (circle one)

Date of Student's Birth: ___/___/_____ Age of Student on Last Birthday: ____ Grade for Current School Year: ____

Current Physical Address _____

Current Home Phone # () _____ Parent/Guardian Current Cellular Phone # () _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail Address: _____

Fall Sport(s): _____ Winter Sport(s): _____ Spring Sport(s): _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Emergency Contact Telephone # () _____

Secondary Emergency Contact Person's Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Emergency Contact Telephone # () _____

Medical Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____

Address _____ Telephone # () _____

Family Physician's Name _____, MD or DO (circle one)

Address _____ Telephone # () _____

Student's Allergies _____

Student's Health Condition(s) of Which an Emergency Physician or Other Medical Personnel Should be Aware _____

Student's Prescription Medications and conditions of which they are being prescribed _____

SECTION 2: CERTIFICATION OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

The student's parent/guardian must complete all parts of this form.

A. I hereby give my consent for _____ born on _____ who turned _____ on his/her last birthday, a student of _____ School and a resident of the _____ public school district, to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests during the 20____ - 20____ school year in the sport(s) as indicated by my signature(s) following the name of the said sport(s) approved below.

Fall Sports	Signature of Parent or Guardian
Cross Country	
Field Hockey	
Football	
Golf	
Soccer	
Girls' Tennis	
Girls' Volleyball	
Water Polo	
Other	

Winter Sports	Signature of Parent or Guardian
Basketball	
Bowling	
Competitive Spirit Squad	
Girls' Gymnastics	
Rifle	
Swimming and Diving	
Track & Field (Indoor)	
Wrestling	
Other	

Spring Sports	Signature of Parent or Guardian
Baseball	
Boys' Lacrosse	
Girls' Lacrosse	
Softball	
Boys' Tennis	
Track & Field (Outdoor)	
Boys' Volleyball	
Other	

B. **Understanding of eligibility rules:** I hereby acknowledge that I am familiar with the requirements of PIAA concerning the eligibility of students at PIAA member schools to participate in Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests involving PIAA member schools. Such requirements, which are posted on the PIAA Web site at www.piaa.org, include, but are not necessarily limited to age, amateur status, school attendance, health, transfer from one school to another, season and out-of-season rules and regulations, semesters of attendance, seasons of sports participation, and academic performance.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

C. **Disclosure of records needed to determine eligibility:** To enable PIAA to determine whether the herein named student is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics involving PIAA member schools, I hereby consent to the release to PIAA of any and all portions of school record files, beginning with the seventh grade, of the herein named student specifically including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, birth and age records, name and residence address of parent(s) or guardian(s), residence address of the student, health records, academic work completed, grades received, and attendance data.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

D. **Permission to use name, likeness, and athletic information:** I consent to PIAA's use of the herein named student's name, likeness, and athletically related information in video broadcasts and re-broadcasts, webcasts and reports of Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests, promotional literature of the Association, and other materials and releases related to interscholastic athletics.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

E. **Permission to administer emergency medical care:** I consent for an emergency medical care provider to administer any emergency medical care deemed advisable to the welfare of the herein named student while the student is practicing for or participating in Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests. Further, this authorization permits, if reasonable efforts to contact me have been unsuccessful, physicians to hospitalize, secure appropriate consultation, to order injections, anesthesia (local, general, or both) or surgery for the herein named student. I hereby agree to pay for physicians' and/or surgeons' fees, hospital charges, and related expenses for such emergency medical care. I further give permission to the school's athletic administration, coaches and medical staff to consult with the Authorized Medical Professional who executes Section 7 regarding a medical condition or injury to the herein named student.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

F. **Confidentiality:** The information on this CIPPE shall be treated as confidential by school personnel. It may be used by the school's athletic administration, coaches and medical staff to determine athletic eligibility, to identify medical conditions and injuries, and to promote safety and injury prevention. In the event of an emergency, the information contained in this CIPPE may be shared with emergency medical personnel. Information about an injury or medical condition will not be shared with the public or media without written consent of the parent(s) or guardian(s).

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

SECTION 3: UNDERSTANDING OF RISK OF CONCUSSION AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

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 a student's brain normally works.
- Can occur during Practices and/or Contests in any sport.
- Can happen even if a student has not lost consciousness.
- Can be serious even if a student has just been "dinged" or "had their bell rung."

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

What are the symptoms of a concussion?

Concussions cannot be seen; however, in a potentially concussed student, **one or more** of the symptoms listed below may become apparent and/or that the student "doesn'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 students do if they believe that they or someone else may have a concussion?

- **Students feeling any of the symptoms set forth above should immediately tell their Coach and their parents.** Also, if they notice any teammate evidencing such symptoms, they should immediately tell their Coach.
- **The student should be evaluated.** A licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine (MD or DO), sufficiently familiar with current concussion management, should examine the student, determine whether the student has a concussion, and determine when the student is cleared to return to participate in interscholastic athletics.
- **Concussed students should give themselves time to get better.** If a student has sustained a concussion, the student's brain needs time to heal. While a concussed student's brain is still healing, that student is much more likely to have another concussion. Repeat concussions can increase the time it takes for an already concussed student to recover and may cause more damage to that student's brain. Such damage can have long term consequences. It is important that a concussed student rest and not return to play until the student receives permission from an MD or DO, sufficiently familiar with current concussion management, that the student is symptom-free.

How can students prevent a concussion? Every sport is different, but there are steps students can take to protect themselves.

- Use the proper sports equipment, including personal protective equipment. For equipment to properly protect a student, it must be:
 - The right equipment for the sport, position, or activity;
 - Worn correctly and the correct size and fit; and
 - Used every time the student Practices and/or competes.
- Follow the Coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Practice good sportsmanship at all times.

If a student believes they may have a concussion: Don't hide it. Report it. Take time to recover.

I hereby acknowledge that I am familiar with the nature and risk of concussion and traumatic brain injury while participating in interscholastic athletics, including the risks associated with continuing to compete after a concussion or traumatic brain injury.

Student's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

I hereby acknowledge that I am familiar with the nature and risk of concussion and traumatic brain injury while participating in interscholastic athletics, including the risks associated with continuing to compete after a concussion or traumatic brain injury.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

SECTION 4: UNDERSTANDING OF SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST SYMPTOMS AND WARNING SIGNS

What is sudden cardiac arrest?

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) occurs when the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. When this happens blood stops flowing to the brain and other vital organs. SCA is NOT a heart attack. A heart attack may cause SCA, but they are not the same. A heart attack is caused by a blockage that stops the flow of blood to the heart. SCA is a malfunction in the heart's electrical system, causing the heart to suddenly stop beating.

How common is sudden cardiac arrest in the United States?

There are about 350,000 cardiac arrests that occur outside of hospitals each year. More than 10,000 individuals under the age of 25 die of SCA each year. SCA is the number one killer of student athletes and the leading cause of death on school campuses.

Are there warning signs?

Although SCA happens unexpectedly, some people may have signs or symptoms, such as

- Dizziness or lightheadedness when exercising;
- Fainting or passing out during or after exercising;
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing with exercise, that is not asthma related;
- Racing, skipped beats or fluttering heartbeat (palpitations)
- Fatigue (extreme or recent onset of tiredness)
- Weakness;
- Chest pains/pressure or tightness during or after exercise.

These symptoms can be unclear and confusing in athletes. Some may ignore the signs or think they are normal results of physical exhaustion. If the conditions that cause SCA are diagnosed and treated before a life-threatening event, sudden cardiac death can be prevented in many young athletes.

What are the risks of practicing or playing after experiencing these symptoms?

There are significant risks associated with continuing to practice or play after experiencing these symptoms. The symptoms might mean something is wrong and the athlete should be checked before returning to play. When the heart stops due to cardiac arrest, so does the blood that flows to the brain and other vital organs. Death or permanent brain damage can occur in just a few minutes. Most people who experience a SCA die from it; survival rates are below 10%.

Act 73 – Peyton's Law - Electrocardiogram testing for student athletes

The Act is intended to help keep student-athletes safe while practicing or playing by providing education about SCA and by requiring notification to parents that you can request, at your expense, an electrocardiogram (EKG or ECG) as part of the physical examination to help uncover hidden heart issues that can lead to SCA.

Why do heart conditions that put youth at risk go undetected?

- Up to 90 percent of underlying heart issues are missed when using only the history and physical exam;
- Most heart conditions that can lead to SCA are not detectable by listening to the heart with a stethoscope during a routine physical; and
- Often, youth don't report or recognize symptoms of a potential heart condition.

What is an electrocardiogram (EKG or ECG)?

An ECG/EKG is a quick, painless and noninvasive test that measures and records a moment in time of the heart's electrical activity. Small electrode patches are attached to the skin of your chest, arms and legs by a technician. An ECG/EKG provides information about the structure, function, rate and rhythm of the heart.

Why add an ECG/EKG to the physical examination?

Adding an ECG/EKG to the history and physical exam can suggest further testing or help identify up to two-thirds of heart conditions that can lead to SCA. An ECG/EKG can be ordered by your physician for screening for cardiovascular disease or for a variety of symptoms such as chest pain, palpitations, dizziness, fainting, or family history of heart disease.

- ECG/EKG screenings should be considered every 1-2 years because young hearts grow and change.
- ECG/EKG screenings may increase sensitivity for detection of undiagnosed cardiac disease but may not prevent SCA.
- ECG/EKG screenings with abnormal findings should be evaluated by trained physicians.
- If the ECG/EKG screening has abnormal findings, additional testing may need to be done (with associated cost and risk) before a diagnosis can be made, and may prevent the student from participating in sports for a short period of time until the testing is completed and more specific recommendations can be made.
- The ECG/EKG can have false positive findings, suggesting an abnormality that does not really exist (false positive findings occur less when ECG/EKGs are read by a medical practitioner proficient in ECG/EKG interpretation of children, adolescents and young athletes).
- ECGs/EKGs result in fewer false positives than simply using the current history and physical exam.

The American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association guidelines do not recommend an ECG or EKG in asymptomatic patients but do support local programs in which ECG or EKG can be applied with high-quality resources.

Removal from play/return to play

Any student-athlete who has signs or symptoms of SCA must be removed from play (which includes all athletic activity). The symptoms can happen before, during, or after activity.

Before returning to play, the athlete must be evaluated and cleared. Clearance to return to play must be in writing. The evaluation must be performed by a licensed physician, certified registered nurse practitioner, or cardiologist (heart doctor). The licensed physician or certified registered nurse practitioner may consult any other licensed or certified medical professionals.

I have reviewed this form and understand the symptoms and warning signs of SCA. I have also read the information about the electrocardiogram testing and how it may help to detect hidden heart issues.

Signature of Student-Athlete

Print Student-Athlete's Name

Date ____/____/____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Print Parent/Guardian's Name

Date ____/____/____

SECTION 5: HEALTH HISTORY

Explain "Yes" answers at the bottom of this form.
 Circle questions you don't know the answers to.

	Yes	No		Yes	No					
1. Has a doctor ever denied or restricted your participation in sport(s) for any reason?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	23. Has a doctor ever told you that you have asthma or allergies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
2. Do you have an ongoing medical condition (like asthma or diabetes)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	24. Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing DURING or AFTER exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
3. Are you currently taking any prescription or nonprescription (over-the-counter) medicines or pills?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	25. Is there anyone in your family who has asthma?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
4. Do you have allergies to medicines, pollens, foods, or stinging insects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	26. Have you ever used an inhaler or taken asthma medicine?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
5. Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out DURING exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	27. Were you born without or are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle, or any other organ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
6. Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out AFTER exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	28. Have you had infectious mononucleosis (mono) within the last month?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
7. Have you ever had discomfort, pain, or pressure in your chest during exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	29. Do you have any rashes, pressure sores, or other skin problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
8. Does your heart race or skip beats during exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	30. Have you ever had a herpes skin infection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
9. Has a doctor ever told you that you have (check all that apply):			CONCUSSION OR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY							
<input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	31. Have you ever had a concussion (i.e. bell rung, ding, head rush) or traumatic brain injury?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Heart murmur	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	32. Have you been hit in the head and been confused or lost your memory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<input type="checkbox"/> High cholesterol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	33. Do you experience dizziness and/or headaches with exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Heart infection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	34. Have you ever had a seizure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
10. Has a doctor ever ordered a test for your heart? (for example ECG, echocardiogram)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	35. Have you ever had numbness, tingling, or weakness in your arms or legs after being hit or falling?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
11. Has anyone in your family died for no apparent reason?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	36. Have you ever been unable to move your arms or legs after being hit or falling?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
12. Does anyone in your family have a heart problem?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	37. When exercising in the heat, do you have severe muscle cramps or become ill?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
13. Has any family member or relative been disabled from heart disease or died of heart problems or sudden death before age 50?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	38. Has a doctor told you that you or someone in your family has sickle cell trait or sickle cell disease?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
14. Does anyone in your family have Marfan Syndrome?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	39. Have you had any problems with your eyes or vision?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
15. Have you ever spent the night in a hospital?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	40. Do you wear glasses or contact lenses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
16. Have you ever had surgery?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	41. Do you wear protective eyewear, such as goggles or a face shield?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
17. Have you ever had an injury, like a sprain, muscle, or ligament tear, or tendonitis, which caused you to miss a Practice or Contest? If yes, circle affected area below:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	42. Are you unhappy with your weight?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
18. Have you had any broken or fractured bones or dislocated joints? If yes, circle below:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	43. Are you trying to gain or lose weight?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
19. Have you had a bone or joint injury that required x-rays, MRI, CT, surgery, injections, rehabilitation, physical therapy, a brace, a cast, or crutches? If yes, circle below:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	44. Has anyone recommended you change your weight or eating habits?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Head	Neck	Shoulder	Upper arm	Elbow	Forearm	Hand/ Fingers	Chest	45. Do you limit or carefully control what you eat?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upper back	Lower back	Hip	Thigh	Knee	Calf/shin	Ankle	Foot/ Toes	46. Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with a doctor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Have you ever had a stress fracture?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	21. Have you been told that you have or have you had an x-ray for atlantoaxial (neck) instability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22. Do you regularly use a brace or assistive device?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MENSTRUAL QUESTIONS- IF APPLICABLE	
								47. Have you ever had a menstrual period?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
								48. How old were you when you had your first menstrual period?	_____	_____
								49. How many periods have you had in the last 12 months?	_____	_____
								50. When was your last menstrual period?	_____	_____

#s	Explain "Yes" answers here:

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge all of the information herein is true and complete.

Student's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge all of the information herein is true and complete.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

**SECTION 6: PIAA COMPREHENSIVE INITIAL PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION
AND CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZED MEDICAL EXAMINER**

Must be completed and signed by the Authorized Medical Examiner (AME) performing the herein named student's comprehensive initial pre-participation physical evaluation (CIPPE) and turned in to the Principal, or the Principal's designee, of the student's school.

Student's Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Enrolled in _____ School Sport(s) _____

Height _____ Weight _____ % Body Fat (optional) _____ Brachial Artery BP _____/_____/_____/_____ (_____/_____, _____/_____) RP _____

If either the brachial artery blood pressure (BP) or resting pulse (RP) is above the following levels, further evaluation by the student's primary care physician is recommended.

Age 10-12: BP: >126/82, RP: >104; **Age 13-15:** BP: >136/86, RP >100; **Age 16-25:** BP: >142/92, RP >96.

Vision: R 20/____ L 20/____ Corrected: YES NO (circle one) Pupils: Equal____ Unequal____

MEDICAL	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Appearance		
Eyes/Ears/Nose/Throat		
Hearing		
Lymph Nodes		
Cardiovascular		<input type="checkbox"/> Heart murmur <input type="checkbox"/> Femoral pulses to exclude aortic coarctation <input type="checkbox"/> Physical stigmata of Marfan syndrome
Cardiopulmonary		
Lungs		
Abdomen		
Genitourinary (males only)		
Neurological		
Skin		
MUSCULOSKELETAL	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Neck		
Back		
Shoulder/Arm		
Elbow/Forearm		
Wrist/Hand/Fingers		
Hip/Thigh		
Knee		
Leg/Ankle		
Foot/Toes		

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the HEALTH HISTORY, performed a comprehensive initial pre-participation physical evaluation of the herein named student, and, on the basis of such evaluation and the student's HEALTH HISTORY, certify that, except as specified below, the student is physically fit to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests in the sport(s) consented to by the student's parent/guardian in Section 2 of the PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form:

CLEARED **CLEARED** with recommendation(s) for further evaluation or treatment for: _____

NOT CLEARED for the following types of sports (please check those that apply):

COLLISION CONTACT NON-CONTACT STRENUOUS MODERATELY STRENUOUS NON-STRENUOUS

Due to _____

Recommendation(s)/Referral(s) _____

AME's Name (print/type) _____ License # _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

AME's Signature _____ MD, DO, PAC, CRNP, or SNP (circle one) Certification Date of CIPPE ____/____/____

SECTION 7: RE-CERTIFICATION BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

This form must be completed not earlier than six weeks prior to the first Practice day of the sport(s) in the sports season(s) identified herein by the parent/guardian of any student who is seeking to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests in all subsequent sport seasons in the same school year. The Principal, or the Principal's designee, of the herein named student's school must review the SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH HISTORY.

If any SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH HISTORY questions are either checked yes or circled, the herein named student shall submit a completed Section 9, Re-Certification by Licensed Physician of Medicine or Osteopathic Medicine, to the Principal, or Principal's designee, of the student's school.

SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH HISTORY

Student's Name _____ Male/Female (circle one)

Date of Student's Birth: ____/____/____ Age of Student on Last Birthday: ____ Grade for Current School Year: ____

Winter Sport(s): _____ Spring Sport(s): _____

CHANGES TO PERSONAL INFORMATION (In the spaces below, identify any changes to the Personal Information set forth in the original Section 1: PERSONAL AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION):

Current Home Address _____

Current Home Telephone # () _____ Parent/Guardian Current Cellular Phone # () _____

CHANGES TO EMERGENCY INFORMATION (In the spaces below, identify any changes to the Emergency Information set forth in the original Section 1: PERSONAL AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION):

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____ Relationship _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail Address: _____

Address _____ Emergency Contact Telephone # () _____

Secondary Emergency Contact Person's Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Emergency Contact Telephone # () _____

Medical Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____

Address _____ Telephone # () _____

Family Physician's Name _____, MD or DO (circle one)

Address _____ Telephone # () _____

If any SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH HISTORY questions below are either checked yes or circled, the herein named student shall submit a completed Section 9, Re-Certification by Licensed Physician of Medicine or Osteopathic Medicine, to the Principal, or Principal's designee, of the student's school.

Explain "Yes" answers at the bottom of this form.

Circle questions you don't know the answers to.

- | | Yes | No | | Yes | No |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Since completion of the CIPPE, have you sustained a serious illness and/or serious injury that required medical treatment from a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Since completion of the CIPPE, have you experienced dizzy spells, blackouts, and/or unconsciousness? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Since completion of the CIPPE, have you had a concussion (i.e. bell rung, ding, head rush) or traumatic brain injury? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Since completion of the CIPPE, have you experienced any episodes of unexplained shortness of breath, wheezing, and/or chest pain? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | 5. Since completion of the CIPPE, are you taking any NEW prescription medicines or pills? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | 6. Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with a physician? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

An additional note to item #1. If serious illness or serious injury was marked "Yes", please provide additional information below

#a	Explain yes answers; include injury, type of treatment & the name of the medical professional seen by student

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge all of the information herein is true and complete.

Student's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge all of the information herein is true and complete.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Section 8: Re-CERTIFICATION BY LICENSED PHYSICIAN OF MEDICINE OR OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

This Form must be completed for any student who, subsequent to completion of Sections 1 through 5 of this CIPPE Form, required medical treatment from a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine. This Section 8 may be completed at any time following completion of such medical treatment. Upon completion, the Form must be turned in to the Principal, or the Principal's designee, of the student's school, who, pursuant to ARTICLE X, LOCAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL, Section 2, Powers and Duties of Principal, subsection C, of the PIAA Constitution, shall "exclude any contestant who has suffered serious illness or injury until that contestant is pronounced physically fit by the school's licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine, or if none is employed, by another licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine."

NOTE: The physician completing this Form must first review Sections 5 and 6 of the herein named student's previously completed CIPPE Form. Section 7 must also be reviewed if both (1) this Form is being used by the herein named student to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests in a subsequent sport season in the same school year AND (2) the herein named student either checked yes or circled any Supplemental Health History questions in Section 7.

If the physician completing this Form is clearing the herein named student subsequent to that student sustaining a concussion or traumatic brain injury, that physician must be sufficiently familiar with current concussion management such that the physician can certify that all aspects of evaluation, treatment, and risk of that injury have been thoroughly covered by that physician.

Student's Name: _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Enrolled in _____ School _____

Condition(s) Treated Since Completion of the Herein Named Student's CIPPE Form: _____

A. GENERAL CLEARANCE: Absent any illness and/or injury, which requires medical treatment, subsequent to the date set forth below, I hereby authorize the above-identified student to participate for the remainder of the current school year in additional interscholastic athletics with no restrictions, except those, if any, set forth in Section 6 of that student's CIPPE Form.

Physician's Name (print/type) _____ License # _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

Physician's Signature _____ MD or DO (*circle one*) Date _____

B. LIMITED CLEARANCE: Absent any illness and/or injury, which requires medical treatment, subsequent to the date set forth below, I hereby authorize the above-identified student to participate for the remainder of the current school year in additional interscholastic athletics with, in addition to the restrictions, if any, set forth in Section 6 of that student's CIPPE Form, the following limitations/restrictions:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Physician's Name (print/type) _____ License # _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

Physician's Signature _____ MD or DO (*circle one*) Date _____

Section 9: CIPPE MINIMUM WRESTLING WEIGHT

INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to the Weight Control Program adopted by PIAA, prior to the participation by any student in interscholastic wrestling, the Minimum Wrestling Weight (MWW) at which the student may wrestle during the season must be (1) certified to by an Authorized Medical Examiner (AME) and (2) established NO EARLIER THAN six weeks prior to the first Regular Season Contest day of the wrestling season and NO LATER THAN the Monday preceding the first Regular Season Contest day of the wrestling season (See NOTE 1). This certification shall be provided to and maintained by the student's Principal, or the Principal's designee.

In certifying to the MWW, the AME shall first make a determination of the student's Urine Specific Gravity/Body Weight and Percentage of Body Fat, or shall be given that information from a person authorized to make such an assessment ("the Assessor"). This determination shall be made consistent with National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Wrestling Rule 1, Competition, Section 3, Weight-Control Program, which requires, in relevant part, hydration testing with a specific gravity not greater than 1.025, and an immediately following body fat assessment, as determined by the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Optimal Performance Calculator (OPC) (together, the "Initial Assessment").

Where the Initial Assessment establishes a percentage of body fat below 7% for a male or 12% for a female, the student must obtain an AME's consent to participate.

For all wrestlers, the MWW must be certified to by an AME.

Student's Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
Enrolled in _____ School _____

INITIAL ASSESSMENT

I hereby certify that I have conducted an Initial Assessment of the herein named student consistent with the NWCA OPC, and have determined as follows:

Urine Specific Gravity/Body Weight _____ / _____ Percentage of Body Fat _____ MWW _____

Assessor's Name (print/type) _____ Assessor's I.D. # _____

Assessor's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

CERTIFICATION

Consistent with the instructions set forth above and the Initial Assessment, I have determined that the herein named student is certified to wrestle at the MWW of _____ during the 20____ - 20____ wrestling season.

AME's Name (print/type) _____ License # _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

AME's Signature _____ MD, DO, PAC, CRNP, or SNP Date of Certification ____/____/____
(circle one)

For an appeal of the Initial Assessment, see NOTE 2.

NOTES:

1. For senior high school wrestlers coming out for the Team AFTER the Monday preceding the first Regular Season Contest day of the wrestling season the OPC will remain open until January 15th and for junior high/middle school wrestlers coming out for the Team AFTER the Monday preceding the first Regular Season Contest day of the wrestling season the OPC will remain open all season.
2. Any athlete who disagrees with the Initial Assessment may appeal the assessment results one time by having a second assessment, which shall be performed prior to the athlete's first Regular Season wrestling Contest and shall be consistent with the athlete's weight loss (descent) plan. Pursuant to the foregoing, results obtained at the second assessment shall supersede the Initial Assessment; therefore, no further appeal by any party shall be permitted. The second assessment shall utilize either Air Displacement Plethysmography (Bod Pod) or Hydrostatic Weighing testing to determine body fat percentage. The urine specific gravity testing shall be conducted and the athlete must obtain a result of less than or equal to 1.025 in order for the second assessment to proceed. All costs incurred in the second assessment shall be the responsibility of those appealing the Initial Assessment.

Print Athlete's Name

Sport 1: _____ Sport 2: _____ Sport 3: _____
Print Athlete's Sport(s)

As part of a contractual agreement with UPMC Sports Medicine, certified athletic trainers may aide in the prevention, recognition, evaluation, and treatment of athletic injuries. Please note that the forms below have no relationship to your health insurance plan and in no way, influence your choice of medical care. UPMC must have these forms completed to comply with privacy and standard consent to treat laws.

(1) UPMC Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information

- I authorize UPMC to provide information related to the athlete's care to family/school/team physicians, school nurses, coaches, athletic directors, school principals, EMS personnel, and such other persons as is necessary needed for them to provide consultation, treatment, establish a plan of care or determine whether the athlete may resume participation in school or sports activities.
- I authorize UPMC to use the athlete's medical information for UPMC internal departmental reporting purposes.
- I authorize UPMC (including its hospitals, other entities and programs) to use medical or other information maintained on electronic information systems or stored in various forms about the athlete's care, health care operations, or payment for treatment and services.
- I understand that the health record(s) released by UPMC may be re-disclosed by the facility/person that receives the record(s) and therefore (1) UPMC and its staff/employees has no responsibility or liability because of the re-disclosure and (2) such information may no longer be protected by federal or state privacy laws.
- I understand that this Authorization is in effect for a period of one year from the date signed by the athlete.
- I understand that this Authorization is in effect if the athlete is treated for an injury during off-season workouts; however, no time frame specified shall go beyond one year from the date of signature.
- I understand that I have the right to revoke this Authorization form at any time by sending a written request to UPMC at the location where the Authorization was provided.
- I understand that my decision to revoke the Authorization does not apply to any release of my health record(s) that may have taken place prior to the date of my request to revoke the Authorization. • I understand that I am entitled to a copy of this completed Authorization form.

Print Athlete's Name _____ Sport 1: _____ Sport 2: _____ Sport 3: _____
Print Athlete's Sport(s) _____

(2) UPMC Consent for Treatment and Healthcare Operations

I consent to the provision of care. I understand that this care may include medical treatment, special tests, exams, evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation of athletic injuries. I acknowledge that no guarantees have been given to me as to the outcome of any examination or treatment and all results of any examination and/or treatment are kept confidential.

I understand and agree that others may assist or participate in providing care. This may include, but may not be limited to team physician, school nurse, and licensed physical therapists. Under the direction of a certified athletic trainer, college/university athletic training students and high school student aides may also provide care.

I acknowledge that no guarantees have been given to me as to the outcome of any examination or treatment.

In the event of ImPACT baseline testing, I understand the ImPACT baseline testing provided by UPMC Sports Medicine is not intended to prevent, diagnose, or treat a concussion and is not to be administered following a possible concussion. If the athlete suffers a concussion, the administration of an ImPACT post-test is generally conducted at the discretion of the concussion specialist at their facility.

(3) UPMC Privacy Practices

I understand that copies of the UPMC Notice of Privacy Practices document are available at the school, can be sent in the mail upon my request or viewed at <http://www.upmc.com/patients-visitors/privacy-info/Pages/default.aspx>. I give UPMC and its designees permission to use my information as described in the UPMC Notice of Privacy Practices.

By signing below, I am acknowledging the above (1) Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information, (2) Consent for Treatment and Healthcare Operations, and (3) Notice of Privacy Practices.

Athlete signature Date

Parent or guardian signature/relationship Date

Parent or guardian signature/relationship Date

For Office Use Only:
Sign here if patient failed to acknowledge receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices: _____
Reason given by patient for failure to acknowledge receipt of the Notice of Privacy Practices:

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETES

As a member of the Fort Cherry School District Athletic Team, you are expected to understand that **THE REAL ATHLETE:**

1. Understands that drinking and smoking are harmful to the body and hinder maximum effort and performance.
2. Does not use profanity.
3. Realize that officials do not lose a game, but are there for the purpose of insuring that both teams receive a fair deal- for this they deserve courteous respect.
4. Plans his/her time so that he/she devotes sufficient energy to his/her studies to insure grades, which represent his/her true abilities.
5. Has a good attendance record and should never be truant from classes or school.
6. Works for the betterment of the school and what is right and good for his/her fellow students.
7. Obeys the specific training and practice rules of the coach.
8. Directly represents the community, school and coaches, and should conduct himself/herself properly when traveling.
9. Cares for all equipment as though it were his/her own person property.
10. Does not employ illegal tactics to gain an undeserved advantage.
11. Are neat and well-groomed at all times?
12. Does not let employment interfere with practice or games.
13. Appreciate that coaches and administrators have the best interests of the participants in mind as they plan and conduct the athletic program.
14. Appreciates the importance of proper rest, diet and exercise.
15. Practices healthful habits of cleanliness and personal hygiene in all his/her daily activities.
16. Is a model of good behavior in and outside of school.
17. Complies with the standards of this code or be subject to dismissal from the squad or other disciplinary action as may be determined by the coach.

FORT CHERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The primary purpose of the athletic program in the Fort Cherry School District is to promote the physical, mental, social, emotional, and moral well being of the participants. It is hoped that athletics in our schools will be a positive force in preparing youth for an enriching and vital role in American life.

The athletic program is an important and integral part of the total school program and is open to participation by all students regardless of individual differences. Through voluntary participation, the athlete gives time, energy, and loyalty to the program. He/she also accepts the training rules, regulations, and responsibilities, which are unique to an athletic program. In order to contribute to the welfare of the group, the athlete must willingly assume these obligations, as the role demands that the individual make sacrifices not required of others.

In addition to the "Rules and Regulation for Students in the Fort Cherry Public Schools", athletic program participants are also governed by the high school athletic code.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE

I. General regulation

- A. WPIAL and PIAA rules must be followed in all cases of eligibility, transfer, physical examinations, insurance coverage, starting dates, use of school equipment, etc. Each coach has the responsibility to know, to inform team members and parents, and to enforce school and WPIAL and PIAA regulations in these matters.**
- B. Any civil law infraction or conduct by a student athlete that is determined by the head coach and school administration to be detrimental to the athletic program, school, or school district will result in counseling by the head coach and a school administrator with possible suspension.**
- C. Athletes must travel to and from contests, away from Fort Cherry, in transportation provided by the school. The only exceptions are:
 - 1. Injury to a participant which would require alternate transportation.**
 - 2. Prior arrangement between the participant's parent/guardian and the coach for the student to ride with the parent/guardian.****
- D. A display of unsportsmanlike conduct toward an opponent or official or use of profanity during a practice or contest will result in counseling by the head coach and possible suspension.**
- E. Completion of the sports season is required in order for the student to be eligible for a letter or other team or individual awards. (Exception: injury, which limits participation.) No awards shall be given to any student suspended for the remainder of the season for athletic code violations.**
- F. For the purpose of this document, cheerleaders shall be considered athletes.**

II. School attendance requirements

- A. A student must be in school the day of the game in order to participate. An exception would be made for legitimate reasons as determined by the athletic**

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETES

STUDENT PLEDGE

The Pledge which follows summarizes the major features of the Code and is designed to permit the athlete to indicate his willingness to abide by the standards of the Code.

STANDARD 1 - SATISFACTORY SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP

Adheres to all rules of conduct of the school, shows proper respect for students and family, works for the betterment of the school, and sets aside personal interests and gain, in favor of those of the school.

STANDARD 2 - ADHERENCE TO PRESCRIBED TRAINING RULES

Adheres to specific training rules set forth by the coach, refrains from smoking and drinking and appreciates the importance of rest, diet and exercise. Practices healthful habits of cleanliness and personal hygiene.

STANDARD 3 - CONDUCT BECOMING AN ATHLETE

Refrain both from moral conduct not considered acceptable by the community and from violating state statues and city ordinances. Does not use profanity and refrains from any action or conduct that reflects unfavorably upon athletes and the school.

STANDARD 4 - ADHERENCE TO STANDARDS OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Shows respect in defeat and modesty in victory is courteous to officials, teammates, opponents and coaches. Employs legal tactics as they apply to the rules of the game.

Coaches and school administrators will act in cases that come to their attention which involve behavior on the part of the athlete that are contrary to the standards as herewith stated.

I have read and understand this pledge as it applies to the **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETES** and I will exert every effort to refrain from any conduct or actions that are contrary to it.

DATE _____ SIGNED _____

(I)(WE) support the ideals of the **CODE OF CONDUCT** and the standards of behavior as set forth in this **PLEDGE**.

SIGNED _____ SIGNED _____
(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Parent/Guardian Signature)

director an/or principal, i.e. Doctor, funeral, college visit, etc. A doctor's excuse is required in the event of an appointment. Otherwise, all athletes must be in school a minimum of four (4) full class periods. **Any athlete who is in school must participate in physical education in order to be eligible for practice or games that day.**

- B. If a student is absent the last school day of the week, and the competition is on a non-school day, the student must bring to the coach a signed statement from the parent that permission is given to participate. It is recommended that the coach call the parent regarding the absence.
- C. A student who has been injured and has had medical treatment cannot participate again until the date indicated by the student's doctor.
- III. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, drugs, narcotics, or hallucinating agents by athletic program participants is prohibited. Violators shall be processed in accordance with district policy.
- IV. The rules and regulations in this code shall apply to any violations, on and off school premises during the season of participation.
- V. Additional rules and regulations from the head coach, must be cleared by the principal and athletic director. Any additional rules and regulations must be written and on file in the athletic office.

ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE

DATE

I/We have read the Fort Cherry School District Athletic Code on general regulations, school attendance requirements, and other rules and regulations for athletic participation.

FATHER/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

MOTHER/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

I/WE HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE AN AWARENESS THAT PARTICIPATION IN
_____ INVOLVES A RISK OF INJURY, WHICH
(SPORT)
MAY INCLUDE SEVERE INJURIES POSSIBLY INVOLVING PARALYSIS, PERMANENT
MENTAL DISABILITY, OR DEATH, AND THAT THESE INJURIES MAY OCCUR IN SOME
INSTANCES AS THE RESULT OF UNAVOIDABLE ACCIDENTS. WE ACCEPT THESE RISKS
IN GIVING CONSENT TO _____ FOR
(STUDENT'S NAME)
PARTICIPATION IN _____ DURING THE 2020-2021 SEASON
(SPORT)
BY THE UNDER SIGNED ATHLETE.

(PLEASE PRINT)

(ATHLETE'S FULL NAME)

MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____
(ATHLETE'S DATE OF BIRTH)

(SIGNATURES)

(ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE) (DATE)

(FATHER/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE) (DATE)

(MOTHER/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE) (DATE)

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY RULES

Any student wishing to participate in co-curricular activities must maintain at least a 2.0/70% average in the report period preceding the activity. The average will be determined by counting all **full credit** courses that the student is enrolled in.

Co-curricular activities will be defined as any activity not directly related to written curriculum. The principal will have the final say in this matter if questions arise.

A tutor will be provided by the district, for those students who may need assistance in maintaining the required grade point average.

The **Pupil Academic Support System (PASS)** is available to students who wish to maintain their eligibility in co-curricular activities. Students must achieve a 2.0/70% average by the middle of the nine-week grading period or they will become ineligible for that activity. Students may consult the main office for information about the PASS program.

Students who have a cumulative 3.0/80% average but due to unusual circumstances drop below a 2.0/70% average in the nine weeks preceding an activity they wish to be involved with, may have their case reviewed by the principal who will make decisions regarding eligibility on a case by case basis.

Special education students will be handled on a case by case basis.

ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE

DATE

FATHER/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

MOTHER/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

ATHLETIC TRAINER INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___

*Please circle the appropriate response to each statement and explain any "Yes" responses in the space provided.

(PLEASE PRINT)

1. Do you take any medications, or inhalers on a regular basis? NO / YES _____

2. Are you allergic to any Medications? NO / YES _____

3. Are you allergic to any insect bites? NO/ YES _____

4. Have you ever been diagnosed with, or experienced any of the following conditions?:

a. Epilepsy- NO / YES _____

b. Asthma-NO / YES _____

c. Diabetes- NO / YES _____

d. Heart Irregularity (e.g. murmur)- NO / YES _____

e. Injury or removal of internal organs- NO / YES _____

f. Hernia- NO / YES _____

g. Respiratory/Breathing irregularities- NO / YES _____

h. Hernia - NO / YES _____

i. Season Allergies (pollen, ragweed, etc..) - NO /YES _____

5. Please list any other existing conditions medical personnel should be aware of in case emergency treatment is necessary. _____

Date of last Tetanus Booster? Month _____ Year _____

ATHLETIC TRAINER TREATMENT, FIRST AID/EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION FORM

Student Name _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____
(Home)

City/State/Zip Code _____ Phone _____
(Cell Phone)

Nearest Neighbor or Relative to Contact _____

Neighbor/Relative Telephone Number _____

Primary Care Doctor _____ Phone _____

Hospital _____ Phone _____

I, _____, hereby give my permission to the athletic trainer
(Parent or Guardian's Name)
to evaluate and treat my son or daughter in case of injury, illness or in case of an emergency.

I, _____, give my consent to the hospital or physician to
(Parent or Guardian's Name)
perform or administer emergency care and treatment to my son or daughter, _____
(Athlete's Name)

PROOF OF INSURANCE

I **DO** have Insurance Coverage _____ I **DO NOT** have Insurance Coverage _____

If you checked the block above (I do have insurance coverage), parents must sign this form in the proper place below. The parent, by signing this form, **assumes the full responsibility of paying for any athletic injury of his/hers son, daughter or guardian through his/her insurance or hospital plan (Higmark, UPMC etc.....** The **school or coach will not** be responsible for any athletic injury. **ALL ATHLETES MUST HAVE THEIR OWN INSURANCE COVERAGE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY ATHLETIC ACTIVITY.**

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Name of Insurance Company)

(Policy Number)

If you have HMO Primary Care:

(Physician's Name)

(Phone Number)

(Policy Number)



MRSA FACT SHEET

What is MRSA?

MRSA is methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, a potentially dangerous type of staph bacteria that is resistant to certain antibiotics and may cause skin and other infections. As with all regular staph infections, recognizing the signs and receiving treatment for MRSA skin infections in the early stages reduces the chances of the infection becoming severe. MRSA is spread by:

- > Having direct contact with another person's infection
- > Sharing personal items, such as towels or razors, that have touched infected skin
- > Touching surfaces or items, such as used bandages, contaminated with MRSA

What are the signs and symptoms?

Most staph skin infections, including MRSA, appear as a bump or infected area on the skin that may be:

- > Red
- > Swollen
- > Painful
- > Warm to the touch
- > Full of pus or other drainage
- > Accompanied by a fever



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What if I suspect an MRSA skin infection?

Cover the area with a bandage and contact your healthcare professional. It is especially important to contact your healthcare professional if signs and symptoms of an MRSA skin infection are accompanied by a fever.

How are MRSA skin infections treated?

Treatment for MRSA skin infections may include having a healthcare professional drain the infection and, in some cases, prescribe an antibiotic. Do not attempt to drain the infection yourself – doing so could worsen or spread it to others. If you are given an antibiotic, be sure to take all of the doses (even if the infection is getting better), unless your healthcare professional tells you to stop taking it.

How can I protect my family from MRSA skin infections?

- > Know the signs of MRSA skin infections and get treated early
- > Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered
- > Encourage good hygiene such as cleaning hands regularly
- > Discourage sharing of personal items such as towels and razors

**For more information, please call
1-800-CDC-INFO or visit www.cdc.gov/MRSA.**

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