



VOLUNTARY SPORTS/ATHLETIC EVENT OR ACTIVITY INFORMED CONSENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF POTENTIAL RISK

Student name

M F
Sex

Birth date

Parent or legal guardian (Please print)

Student address

Santa Susana High School School

Dance, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Theater, and/or Stagecraft Sport/Activity (Check one or more)

B. Abbe, Albertson, Lewis, Giles, Theisen, Standifer Coach/Instructor (Circle one or more)

I authorize my son/daughter, named above, to participate in the indicated sport/athletic event or activity. I understand and acknowledge that sport/athletic activities, by their very nature, pose the potential risk of serious injury and/or illness to the individuals who participate in such sport/athletic events or activities.

This sport/athletic event or activity, by its very nature, poses some inherent risk of a participant being seriously injured. These injuries could include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Sprains and strains
2. Fractured bones
3. Lacerations, abrasions, and avulsions
4. Unconsciousness
5. Paralysis
6. Disfigurement
7. Head injuries
8. Loss of eyesight
9. Death

I understand and acknowledge that participation in sport/athletic events or activities is completely elective and voluntary and as such is not required by the District for completion of graduation requirements. I also understand that, if I do not consent to my son's/daughter's participation in the sport/athletic event or activity, he/she will be offered an alternative course of study, in which he/she may work for graduation credit.

I understand that all participants are to abide by and accept all rules and requirements governing conduct and safety in the sport/athletic event or activity. To the extent permitted by the Education Code, any participant determined to be in violation of behavior standards may be removed from this sport/athletic event or activity.

I understand and acknowledge that in order to participate in these activities, I and my son/daughter agree to assume liability and responsibility for any and all potential risks that may be associated with participation in sport/athletic events or activities.

I agree to, and do hereby release and hold the District and its officers, agents, employees and/or volunteers harmless for any and all claims; demands; causes of action; liability; damages; expenses; or loss of any sort, including bodily injury or death; because of or arising out of acts or omissions with respect to the sport/athletic event or activity.

I acknowledge that I have carefully read this "Voluntary Sports/Athletic Event or Activity, Informed Consent and Liability release, Acknowledgment and Assumption of Potential Risk" form and that I understand and agree to its terms.

Signature (Student)

Date

Signature (Parent or legal guardian)

Date

Home telephone

Work telephone

Mobile telephone or pager

Santa Susana High School Concussion Information Sheet

A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, **all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly.** In other words, even a “ding” or a bump on the head can be serious. You cannot see a concussion and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away.

Symptoms may include one or more of the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headaches • “Pressure in head” • Nausea or vomiting • Neck pain • Balance problems or dizziness • Blurred, double, or fuzzy vision • Sensitivity to light or noise • Feeling sluggish or slowed down • Feeling foggy or groggy • Drowsiness • Change in sleep patterns | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amnesia • “Don’t feel right” • Fatigue or low energy • Sadness • Nervousness or anxiety • Irritability • More emotional • Confusion • Concentration or memory problems (forgetting game plays) • Repeating the same question/comment |
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Signs observed by teammates, parents and coaches include:

- Appears dazed
- Vacant facial expression
- Confused about assignment
- Forgets plays
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily or displays incoordination
- Answers questions slowly
- Slurred speech
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can’t recall events prior to hit
- Can’t recall events after hit
- Seizures or convulsions
- Any change in typical behavior or personality
- Loses consciousness

What can happen if my child keeps on playing/ performing with a concussion or returns to soon?

Athletes with the signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one. This can lead to prolonged recovery, or even to severe brain swelling (second impact syndrome) with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that adolescent or teenage athletes will often under report symptoms of injuries. And concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents and students is the key for student-athlete’s safety.

If you think your child has suffered a concussion

Any athlete even suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the game or practice immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without medical clearance. Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours. California Education Code section 49475 and CIF Bylaw 313 now require implementation of long and well-established return to play concussion guidelines that have been recommended for several years.

You should also inform your child’s coach if you think that your child may have a concussion. Remember it is better to miss one game than miss the whole season. And when in doubt, the athlete sits out.

Return to Play/ Perform (RTP)

Concussion symptoms should be completely gone before returning to full practice or competition. A RTP progression involves a gradual, step-wise increase in physical effort, sports-specific activities and the risk for contact. If symptoms occur with activity, the progression should be stopped. If there are no symptoms the next day, exercise can be restarted at the previous stage.

RTP after concussion should occur only with medical clearance from a medical doctor trained in the evaluation and management of concussions, and a step-wise progression program monitored by an athletic trainer, coach, or other identified school administrator. Please see cifstate.org for a graduated return to play plan. Return to play (i.e., full practice and competition) must be no sooner than 7 days after the concussion diagnosis has been made by a physician.

For current and up-to-date information on concussions you can go to:
<http://www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports/>

 Student-athlete/ Performer Name Printed

 Student-athlete/ Performer Signature

 Date

 Parent or Legal Guardian Printed

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Legal References:
 California Education Code section 49475,
 California Interscholastic Federation Bylaw 313