



St. Johns Middle School Athletic Association  
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**Part 1. Student Acknowledgement and Release (to be signed by student at the bottom)**

I have read the (condensed) SJMSAA Eligibility Rules printed on the reverse side of this "Consent and Release Certificate" and know of no reason why I am not eligible to represent my school in interscholastic athletic competition. If accepted as a representative, I agree to follow the rules of my school and SJMSAA and to abide by their decisions. I know that athletic participation is a privilege. I know of the risks involved in athletic participation, understand that serious injury, including the potential for a concussion, and even death, is possible in such participation, and choose to accept such risks. I voluntarily accept any and all responsibility for my own safety and welfare while participating in athletics, with full understanding of the risks involved. Should I be 18 years of age or older, or should I be emancipated from my parent(s)/guardian(s), I hereby release and hold harmless my school, the schools against which it competes, the school district, the contest officials, the coaches and SJMSAA of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against any of the aforementioned because of any accident or mishap involving my athletic participation. I hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I hereby grant to SJMSAA the right to review all records relevant to my athletic eligibility including, but not limited to, my records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence and physical fitness. I hereby grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape me and further to use my name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising, promotional and commercial materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein. I understand that the authorizations and rights granted herein are voluntary and that I may revoke any or all of them at any time by submitting said revocation in writing to my school. By doing so, however, I understand that I will no longer be eligible for participation in SJMSAA athletics.

**Part 2. Parental/Guardian Consent, Acknowledgement and Release (to be completed and signed by a parent(s)/guardian(s) at the bottom; where divorced or separated, parent/guardian with legal custody must sign.)**

A. I hereby give consent for my child/ward to participate in any SJMSAA recognized or sanctioned sport except for the following sport(s):

*List sport(s) exceptions here*

B. I understand that participation may necessitate an early dismissal from classes.

C. I know of, and acknowledge that my child/ward knows of, the risks involved in interscholastic athletic participation, understand that serious injury, and even death, is possible in such participation and choose to accept any and all responsibility for his/her safety and welfare while participating in athletics. With full understanding of the risks involved, I release and hold harmless my child's/ward's school, the schools against which it competes, the school district, the contest officials, the coaches and SJMSAA of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against the aforementioned because of any accident or mishap involving the athletic participation of my child/ward. I authorize emergency medical treatment for my child/ward should the need arise for such treatment while my child/ward is under the supervision of the school. I further hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my child's/ward's individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I consent to the disclosure, by my child's/ward's school, to the SJMSAA, upon its request, of all records relevant to his/her athletic eligibility including, but not limited to, his/her records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence and physical fitness. I grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape my child/ward and further to use said child's/ward's name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising, promotional and commercial materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein.

**READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF MY CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS, THE COACHES AND SJMSAA USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM MY CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS, THE COACHES AND SJMSAA IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND MY CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS, THE COACHES AND SJMSAA HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.**

E. I understand that the authorizations and rights granted herein are voluntary and that I may revoke any or all of them at any time by submitting said revocation in writing to SJMSAA. By doing so, however, I understand that my child/ward will no longer be eligible for participation in SJMSAA athletics.

F. Please check the appropriate box(es):

☐ My child/ward is covered under our family health insurance plan, which has limits of not less than \$25,000.

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ My child/ward is covered by SJMSAA's insurance plan. **IMPORTANT:** Spring football players that did not participate in the previous year's fall football program are NOT covered under SJMSAA's insurance plan.

**I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE (Only one parent/guardian signature is required)**

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Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

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Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

**I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE (student must sign)**

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Name of Student (printed) Signature of Student Date



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## Attention Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Your team is a member of the St. Johns Middle School Athletic Association (SJMSAA) and follows established rules. To be eligible to represent your school in interscholastic athletics, in an SJMSAA recognized sport (i.e. competitive cheerleading, girls flag football, lacrosse, baseball, basketball, cross country, tackle football, golf, soccer, fast-pitch softball, tennis, track & field, boys weightlifting and wrestling), the student:

1. Must be regularly enrolled and in regular attendance at the school whose team he/she wishes to play. If the student is a home education student or attends a charter school, the student must declare in writing his/her intention to participate in athletics to the team at which the student is permitted to participate. Home education students must be approved by the SJMSAA office prior to any participation.
2. Must attend school within 10 days of the beginning of **each semester** to be eligible during **that semester**.
3. Must maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale prior to the semester in which the student wishes to participate. A sixth, seventh or eighth grade student must have earned at least a 2.0 grade point average on 4.0 unweighted scale the previous semester.
4. Must participate at the school in which the student first enrolls (attends), or at which the student first takes part in an athletic practice, at the beginning of the school year.
5. Must not transfer schools after the first day of fall practice or the first day of school, or otherwise the student cannot participate at the new school for the remainder of the school year.
6. Must not participate on a non-school team (i.e., AAU, American Legion, club setting, etc.) which is affiliated with a school or coached by a representative of a school other than the one the student attends, or has attended, and then attend that school, otherwise the student will be ineligible there for one year.
7. Must not transfer to a school that the student's coach has relocated to within a year, otherwise the student will be ineligible there for one year.
8. Must have signed permission to participate from the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) on the SJMSAA consent form provided the SJMSAA.
9. Must be less than 15 years 9 months old to participate in middle school, otherwise the student becomes ineligible to participate at that level.
10. Must undergo a pre-participation physical evaluation and be certified as being physically fit for participation in interscholastic athletics. The physical evaluation is valid for 365 calendar days from the date that it was administered after which time the student must successfully undergo another physical evaluation to continue his/her participation.
11. Must be an amateur. This means the student must not accept money, gift or donation for participating in a sport, or use a name other than his/her own when participating.
12. Must display good sportsmanship and follow the rules of competition **before, during and after** every contest in which the student participates. If not, the student may be suspended from participation for a period of time.
13. Must not provide false information to his/her school or to the SJMSAA to gain eligibility.

If the student is declared or ruled ineligible due to one or more of the SJMSAA rules and regulations, the student has the right to file an appeal.