

Wilson School District
Athletic and Extracurricular Activities
Participation Waiver for Communicable Diseases Including COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented participants of extracurricular activities across the world with a myriad of challenges concerning this highly contagious illness that primarily attacks the upper respiratory system. Some severe outcomes have been reported in children, and a child with a mild or even asymptomatic case of COVID-19 can spread the infection to others who may be far more vulnerable. While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the Wilson School District will take necessary precautions and comply with recommendations from the federal, state, and local governments, including, but not limited to, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), and Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), to reduce the risks to participants, coaches, staff, and their families. As knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing, the Wilson School District reserves the right to adjust and implement precautionary methods as necessary to decrease the risk of exposure for our students, coaches, staff, and their families.

The Wilson School District has created a comprehensive Athletics and Extracurricular Health and Safety Plan in order for participants to return to sports-related and other extracurricular activities safely. We ask that all of our participants, coaches, staff, and families read the Athletics and Extracurricular Health and Safety Plan prior to participating in any extracurricular activity. The Athletics and Extracurricular Health and Safety plan has been approved by our Board of School Directors and is posted on the Wilson Athletics website at www.wilsonsd.org

By signing this form, the undersigned voluntarily agree to the following waiver and release of liability. The undersigned agree to release and discharge all claims for ourselves, our heirs, and as a parent or legal guardian for the Student named below, against the Wilson School District, its Board of Directors, successors, assigns, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers and will hold them harmless from any and all liability or demands for personal injury, psychological injury, sickness, death, or claims resulting from personal injury or property damage, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the Student or the undersigned relating to or as a result of the Student's participation in athletic programs, events, and activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The undersigned acknowledge that participating in athletic programs, events, and activities may include a possible exposure to a communicable disease including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. The undersigned further acknowledge that they are aware of the risks associated with COVID-19 and that certain vulnerable individuals may have greater health risks associated with exposure to COVID-19, including individuals with serious underlying health conditions such as, but not limited to high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, asthma, and those whose immune systems that are compromised by chemotherapy for cancer, and other conditions requiring such therapy. While particular recommendations and personal discipline may reduce the risks associated with participating in athletics during the COVID-19 pandemic, the risk of serious illness, medical complications, and possible death does exist.

We knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of others, and assume full responsibility for Student's participation in athletics during the COVID-19 pandemic. We willingly agree to comply with the stated recommendations put forth by the Wilson School District to limit the exposure and spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases. We certify that Student is in good physical condition or believe Student to be in good physical condition and allow participation in this sport at our own risk.

Sport: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Student Athlete: _____ Date: _____