

## Warning to Students and Parents

SERIOUS, CATASTROPHIC AND PERHAPS FATAL INJURY MAY RESULT FROM ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION.

By its very nature, competitive athletics may put students in situations in which SERIOUS, CASTASTROPHIC and perhaps, FATAL ACCIDENTS may occur.

Many forms of athletic competition result in violent physical contact among players, the use of equipment may result in accidents, strenuous physical exertion and numerous other exposures to risk of injury.

Students and parents must assess the risks involved in such participation and make their choice to participate in spite of those risks. No amount of instruction, precaution, or supervision will totally eliminate all risks of injury. Just as driving an automobile involve choice of risk, athletic participation by high school students also may be inherently dangerous. The obligation of parents and students in making this choice to participate cannot be over-stated. There have been accidents resulting in death, paraplegia, quadriplegia, and other very serious permanent physical impairment as a result of athletic competition.

By granting permission for your student to participate in athletic competition, you, the parent or guardian, acknowledge that such risk exists.

By choosing to participate, you, the student, acknowledge that such risk exists.

Students will be instructed in proper techniques to be used in athletic competition and in proper utilization of all equipment worn or used in practice and competition. Students must adhere to that instruction and utilization and must refrain from improper use and techniques.

As previously stated, no amount of instruction, precaution and supervision will totally eliminate all risk of serious, catastrophic, or even fatal injury.

If any of the foregoing is not completely understood, please contact the principal for further information.

**Instructions:** Please circle which sport you will be participating in and sign below. Return to Springfield Junior/Senior High School.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sport(s)

Football / Volleyball / Cross-Country

Basketball / Wrestling

Baseball / Track

Cheerleading

This will acknowledge that we have read and understand the material contained in the NOTICE TO ATHLETES AND PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Student

Date: \_\_\_\_\_