PSFCA BIG 33 COMPREHENSIVE INITIAL PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS (READ FIRST)

This packet is required for all student-athletes participating in the PSFCA Big 33 and East/West All-Star practices and games, including tryouts and all practices leading up to game day.

KEY DATES FOR CHEER ATHLETES:

- **Sections 1–6, (7 if applicable) due by Cheer Tryout (October 17 or 18)**

CHEERLEADER / EAST WEST ALL-STAR / GIRLS FLAG PLAYERS – IMPORTANT

All Big 33 and East/West All-Star cheer athletes are responsible for securing and completing their **own comprehensive physical examination (sections 1-6)**. Physical examinations will **NOT** be provided by PSFCA for Big 33 or East/West cheerleaders. Athletes must submit a physical form from the '26-27 school year if available (PIAA physical form – PA; MPSSAA or equivalent physical form - MD). If an athlete does not have a PIAA physical form or MD physical form, the athlete is responsible for securing a completed physical **(Section 6)** from an authorized medical provider.

If the athlete has sustained an injury during the current school year, **Section 7 must also be completed**, OR a signed letter from the treating physician clearing the athlete for full participation must be submitted. All required documentation must be submitted by the stated deadline to remain eligible for participation

SECTION 1: PERSONAL AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

☐ PA Big 33 Player
☐ MD Big 33 Player
☐ Girls Flag – Commanders
☐ Girls Flag – Ravens
☐ East Small School Player
☐ East Big School Player
☐ Girls Flag – Eagles
☐ Girls Flag - Steelers
☐ West Small School Player
☐ West Big School Player
☐ Big 33 Cheerleader – PA / MD
☐ East West Cheerleader

(NOTE: If attending Cheer Tryouts, check here ☐)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

Student's Date of Birth: ____/_____/_____ Student's Age on Last Birthday: _____ Grade _____ for 20____- 20____
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: CERTIFICATIONS

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, an athlete of the Big 33/East/West /Girls Flag Football, to participate in Practices, All-Star Events, Scrimmages, and/or Contests during 2027 PSFCA/Big 33 Events in May, as indicated by my signature(s)

B. Permission to use name, likeness, and athletic information: I consent to PSFCA/Big 33 use of the herein named student's name, likeness, and athletically related information in video broadcasts and re-broadcasts, webcasts and reports of 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____/____/_____

Student's Signature _____Date____/____/_____

C. 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 PSFCA Big 33 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 PSFCA Big 33 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____/____/_____

Student's Signature _____Date____/____/_____

D. Confidentiality: The information on this CIPPE shall be treated as confidential by school PSFCA/Big 33 staff as well as independent contracted staff. It may be used by the PSFCA/Big 33, 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____/____/_____

Student'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 PSFCA Big 33, 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 PSFCA Big 33, 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 off 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.

_____ _____ Date____/____/_____

Signature of Student-Athlete Print Student-Athlete's Name

_____ _____ Date____/____/_____

Signature of Parent/Guardian Print Parent/Guardian's Name

Student's Name _____ Age_____ Grade_____ for 20____ - 20_____

SECTION 5: HEALTH HISTORY

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

		Yes	No
1.	Has a doctor ever denied or restricted your participation in sport(s) for any reason?	❑	❑
2.	Do you have an ongoing medical condition (like asthma or diabetes)?	❑	❑
3.	Are you currently taking any prescription or nonprescription (over-the-counter) medicines or pills?	❑	❑
4.	Do you have allergies to medicines, pollens, foods, or stinging insects?	❑	❑
5.	Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out DURING exercise?	❑	❑
6.	Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out AFTER exercise?	❑	❑
7.	Have you ever had discomfort, pain, or pressure in your chest during exercise?	❑	❑
8.	Does your heart race or skip beats during exercise?	❑	❑
9.	Has a doctor ever told you that you have (check all that apply): ❑ High blood pressure ❑ Heart murmur ❑ High cholesterol ❑ Heart infection	❑	❑
10.	Has a doctor ever ordered a test for your heart? (for example ECG, echocardiogram)	❑	❑
11.	Has anyone in your family died for no apparent reason?	❑	❑
12.	Does anyone in your family have a heart problem?	❑	❑
13.	Has any family member or relative been disabled from heart disease or died of heart problems or sudden death before age 50?	❑	❑
14.	Does anyone in your family have Marfan Syndrome?	❑	❑
15.	Have you ever spent the night in a hospital?	❑	❑
16.	Have you ever had surgery?	❑	❑
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:	❑	❑
18.	Have you had any broken or fractured bones or dislocated joints? If yes, circle below:	❑	❑
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:	❑	❑

Head Neck Shoulder Upper arm Elbow Forearm Hand/ Fingers Chest
Upper back Lower back Hip Thigh Knee Calf/shin Ankle Foot/ Toes

20.	Have you ever had a stress fracture?	❑	❑
21.	Have you been told that you have or have you had an x-ray for atlantoaxial (neck) instability?	❑	❑
22.	Do you regularly use a brace or assistive device?	❑	❑
23.	Has a doctor ever told you that you have asthma or allergies?	❑	❑
24.	Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing DURING or AFTER exercise?	❑	❑
25.	Is there anyone in your family who has asthma?	❑	❑
26.	Have you ever used an inhaler or taken asthma medicine?	❑	❑
27.	Were you born without or are your missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle, or any other organ?	❑	❑
28.	Have you had infectious mononucleosis (mono) within the last month?	❑	❑
29.	Do you have any rashes, pressure sores, or other skin problems?	❑	❑
30.	Have you ever had a herpes skin infection?	❑	❑
	CONCUSSION OR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY		
31.	Have you ever had a concussion (i.e. bell rung, ding, head rush) or traumatic brain injury?	❑	❑
32.	Have you been hit in the head and been confused or lost your memory?	❑	❑
33.	Do you experience dizziness and/or headaches with exercise?	❑	❑
34.	Have you ever had a seizure?	❑	❑
35.	Have you ever had numbness, tingling, or weakness in your arms or legs after being hit or falling?	❑	❑
36.	Have you ever been unable to move your arms or legs after being hit or falling?	❑	❑
37.	When exercising in the heat, do you have severe muscle cramps or become ill?	❑	❑
38.	Has a doctor told you that you or someone in your family has sickle cell trait or sickle cell disease?	❑	❑
39.	Have you had any problems with your eyes or vision?	❑	❑
40.	Do you wear glasses or contact lenses?	❑	❑
41.	Do you wear protective eyewear, such as goggles or a face shield?	❑	❑
42.	Are you unhappy with your weight?	❑	❑
43.	Are you trying to gain or lose weight?	❑	❑
44.	Has anyone recommended you change your weight or eating habits?	❑	❑
45.	Do you limit or carefully control what you eat?	❑	❑
46.	Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with a doctor?	❑	❑
	MENSTRUAL QUESTIONS- IF APPLICABLE	❑	❑
47.	Have you ever had a menstrual period?	❑	❑
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: PSFCA-BIG 33 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 PSFCA Big 33.

Student's Name _____ Age_____ Grade____ for 20____- 20____ School Year

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		❑ Heart murmur ❑ Femoral pulses to exclude aortic coarctation ❑ 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, and/or Contests in the sport(s) consented to by the student's parent/guardian in Section 2 of the PSFCA Big 33 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 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 7 may be completed at any time following completion of such medical treatment. Upon completion, the Form must be turned in to the PSFCA Big 33.

NOTE: The physician completing this Form must first review Sections 5 and 6 of the herein named students' previously completed CIPPE Form.

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___ for 20___ - 20___
School Year

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 in the PSFCA Big 33 activities, practices, and game(s) 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 in the PSFCA Big 33 activities, practices, and game(s) 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_____