

## Student-Athlete & Parent ATHLETICS

## **Participation Acknowledgement Form**

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The State College Area School District (SCASD) will take the necessary precautions and recommendations from the federal, state, and local governments, CDC, PA DOH, as well as the NFHS and PIAA. The SCASD realizes the knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing as new information and treatments become available. These recommendations will be adjusted as needed as new information becomes available in order to decrease the risk of exposure for our staff, students, and spectators.

These Recommendations include but may not be limited to all precautions outlined in the SCASD ATHLETICS INTERIM PLAN document.

I have read the SCASD ATHLETICS INTERIM PLAN document and understand 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. While particular recommendations and personal precautions may reduce the risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of others, and assume full responsibility for my participation. I willingly agree to comply with the stated recommendations put forth by the SCASD to limit the exposure and spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.

Student's Name:	ID#:	Sport(s):	
Signature of Student Athlete:		Date:	
Signature of Parent/Guardian:		Date	



## Coach / Staff

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I have read the SCASD ATHLETICS PLAN document and understand the importance of adhering to the procedures contained therein. I will comply with the stated recommendations and will ensure that all athletes under my supervision will comply with the recommendations as well.

Coach / Staff's Name:	Sport(s):		
Coach / Staff Signature:	Date:		