

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT
ATHLETE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZATION/CONSENT FORM**

As a student athlete in St. Tammany Parish schools, and as an IHSAA athlete, I fully realize the importance of being physically, mentally and morally fit. I vow to avoid the abuse or misuse of legal or illegal substances. I hereby grant permission to be tested for substance abuse/misuse during my tenure as a participant in any IHSAA sports program. I furthermore agree to cooperate by providing a specimen for testing upon request of my principal. I understand that should my specimen indicate the abuse or misuse of legal or illegal substances, I will be subject to action as stated in the St. Tammany Parish School Board Drug Testing and Referral Program for Athletes and in The Official Handbook of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association. I understand that, since athletics is an extra-curricular activity, St. Tammany Parish School Board takes added precautions to assure that an athlete will be afforded reasonable safety measures. I further understand that athletics is not an essential part of the educational process and thus is not mandated by the St. Tammany Parish School Board. I also understand and agree that participation in athletic activities is a privilege that may be withdrawn for violations of St. Tammany Parish School Board Policy and/or School Policy.

I understand that to pursue excellence on the playing field, I must not experiment with alcohol, illegal drugs or banned substances. I understand that the St. Tammany Parish School Board's main purpose of the random drug testing program is not to invade the privacy of the student athlete, but rather its intent is to identify a health or controlled substance dependence which by its very nature would be counterproductive to the safety of the athlete and his/her companions. I have received and read, and I am fully aware of and thoroughly understand the St. Tammany Parish School Board Drug Testing and Referral Program for Athletes, which includes (1) a Policy for Random Drug Testing of St. Tammany Parish School Board High School Students Participating in Interscholastic Sports; and (2) Procedures for Random Drug Testing of St. Tammany Parish School Board District Students Participating in Interscholastic Sports, dealing with drug use and also the additional rules set forth by the St. Tammany Parish School Board and my school's athletic department.

I understand and realize that there is risk of injury in participating in athletic activities, and I understand that when I participate in any athletic program, I will be subjected to random drug testing, and if I refuse, I will not be allowed to participate in any athletic activities. I have read the St. Tammany Parish School Board Student Athlete Contract and Authorization/Consent Form and agree to its terms. I understand that these tests will be strictly enforced and participation will be mandatory, since the parent(s)/guardian(s)/custodian(s) have freely chosen to allow their son(s)/daughter(s)/ward(s) to participate in athletic programs. No athlete will be tested unless at least one parent/guardian/custodian and the athlete sign a form giving permission to have drug testing performed. By signing, the parent(s) and athlete acknowledge that they have consented to the administration of the test and waive any claim of invasion of privacy and waive any objection to the necessary action in the furtherance of these safety proceedings. The undersigned hereby authorize the St. Tammany Parish School Board to have the tests enumerated herein to be administered as part of its athletic program. I understand and agree that my refusal to allow and/or submit to these tests to be administered by the St. Tammany Parish School Board will immediately serve as notice that I, the student, may not participate in any athletic extra-curricular activity, and do further agree and understand that failure and/or refusal to allow and/or submit to these tests shall be considered by the St. Tammany Parish School Board as a positive result under the (1) Policy for Random Drug Testing of St. Tammany Parish School Board High School Students Participating in Interscholastic Sports; and (2) Procedures for Random Drug Testing of St. Tammany Parish School Board District Students Participating in Interscholastic Sports.

I understand that this is binding while I am a student in the St. Tammany Parish School Board school system and I understand the consequences that I will face should I violate these rules and/or policies, and understand that I am subject to penalties, including loss of athletic participation privileges.

I understand that should I have a need to discuss or seek assistance in reference to a drug or alcohol related matter, it is my responsibility to do this immediately. This can be done with a member of the coaching staff, a guidance counselor, or administrator. I know that if I ask for help I will receive help. I also understand that this does not relieve my obligation through the mandatory drug testing program.

As a Parent/Guardian/Custodian:
We have received and read, and we are fully aware of and thoroughly understand the St. Tammany Parish School Board Drug Testing and Referral Program for Athletes, which includes (1) a Policy for Random Drug Testing of St. Tammany Parish School Board High School Students Participating in Interscholastic Sports; and (2) Procedures for Random Drug Testing of St. Tammany Parish School Board District Students Participating in Interscholastic Sports, dealing with drug use and also the additional rules set forth by the St. Tammany Parish School Board and my student's athletic department. We have also read the St. Tammany Parish School Board Student Athlete Contract and Authorization/Consent Form and agree to all of its terms and conditions. As such, we pledge to promote healthy lifestyles for all student athletes of the School District.

We understand and realize that there is an assumed risk of injury involved for our son/daughter/ward as a participant in athletic activities. We also understand that our son/daughter/ward, when participating in any athletic program, will be subjected to random drug testing, and if they refuse, will not be allowed to participate in any athletic activities. We do hereby consent to allow the student named in this St. Tammany Parish School Board Student Athlete Contract and Authorization/Consent Form to undergo drug testing for the presence of illegal drugs or banned substances in accordance with the St. Tammany Parish School Board Drug Testing and Referral Program for Athletes.

We do hereby give our consent to the medical vendor selected by the St. Tammany Parish School Board, their laboratory, doctors, employees, or agents, together with any clinic, hospital, or laboratory designated by the selected medical vendor, to conduct random drug testing on the student named herein below. We understand these results will be forwarded to the Building Principal and will also be made available to us.

We understand that consent pursuant to this Informed Consent Agreement will be effective for all athletic sports in which this student athlete might participate during the current school year, and we do hereby release the St. Tammany Parish School Board and its employees, designees and agents from any legal responsibility or liability for the release of such information and records, and for any responsibility in connection with the administration of test results, warranties as to accuracy of said tests and medical procedures used by the Vendor and/or any referring laboratory.

We further agree and understand that the St. Tammany Parish School Board and its Athletic Department assumes no responsibility for diagnosing or treating any disease that may become known as a result of said laboratory test(s), and that if the athlete has been taking medication, we should indicate this prior to the administration of the tests and notify the School Principal of the prescribing physician.

Student Athlete (print and sign name)

Date: _____

SS#: _____

Parent/Guardian/Custodian (print and sign name)

Date: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian/Custodian (print and sign name)

Date: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Address: _____

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