

# ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF WARNING BY STUDENT-ATHLETE AND PARENT

## Baseball

Harrisburg Christian School Athletic Department

Baseball is a highly competitive, action sport in which physical and equipment contact play a major role. Due to the speed and contact with which the game is played, team members, their families and coaching staff must accept and share certain responsibilities to enhance safety and enjoyment for participants.

### PREPARATION FOR PRACTICE OF CONTEST

1. Catchers wear protective equipment including shin guards, chest protector, face mask and helmet combination covering the head, and batting helmets for hitters and base runners to every practice and contest unless other wise indicated by the daily practice plan.
2. Be sure all stabilizing straps and laces are properly worn, tightened and all fasteners secured so equipment is properly positioned where appropriate.
3. Wear outer and under garments that are appropriated for humidity and temperature.
4. Players with visual impairment(s) must wear corrective, shatterproof glasses or contact lenses if the impairment affects judgment or perception.
5. In hot, humid weather, players should consume the necessary amount of fluids as directed by the head coach.
6. Remove ALL jewelry and hair fasteners.
7. Players with seizure, neuromuscular, renal, cardiac, insulin/diabetic, chronic skeletal problems, disorders, diseases, or medically controlled allergies need a physician's approval to participate.

### LOCKER ROOM

1. Be alert to slippery floors.
2. Be alert to changes in floor texture and to elevated thresholds between shower and locker rooms.
3. Keep floors free of litter. Place all personal belongings in assigned lockers and lock up all valuables.
4. Close locker doors when away from the locker you have chosen.
5. Keep soap and shampoo in the shower area. Use foot powder in designated areas.
6. Refrain from rapid movements, horseplay, and inappropriate behavior.
7. Identify incidents of foot or skin infections to coach(s) immediately.

### MOVEMENT TO THE PRACTICE/GAME SITE

1. Be alert to: Parking lot hazards while walking from the school buildings to the practice/game area.
  - a. Variations in the surfaces of field turf, locker rooms, artificial surfaces, court surfaces, parking lots.
  - b. Locations and activity in proximity
    1. Warm up drills involving batting practice and game contest bat swings, as well as hit and thrown baseballs.
    2. Ongoing games as you enter the field area
2. Be alert to correct ways to field and catch a baseball and use of a baseball bat.
3. Be alert to baseballs thrown in the course of play before and during practices and contests.

### CAUTIONS SPECIFIC TO BASEBALL

Players will be taught techniques that are approved by the National Federation of State High Schools Association and the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following techniques are a major importance for player safety:

1. Play the baseball correctly on defense – DO NOT attack the opponent with illegal contact such as throwing a ball, bat, or other equipment at an opponent or teammate.

2. When involved in fielding drills, field in specified sequences, and in designated areas under direction of the coach (s).
3. Dangerous swinging of the bat for use other than hitting a baseball in practices or contests is prohibited.
4. Shatterproof glasses or lenses must be worn if needed for perception and judgment. Eyewear specifically designed for contact sports is suggested.
5. Charging or contacting the pitcher or other opponent is prohibited.
6. Batting helmets must be worn by all hitters, either on deck or at the plate, and by all base runners.
7. Catchers must always wear protective equipment.
8. Intentional pushing and tripping and/or improper and incorrect base running/sliding is prohibited.
9. Attempts to run over a fielder is prohibited.
10. A batter on deck should only swing the bat in the on deck circle until coming to home plate to bat.

#### EMERGENCIES

Due to the nature of baseball, injuries will occur. All injuries must be called to a coach's or athletic trainer's attention. However, some may need more intense management and may also require players to:

1. Stop all practices, scrimmages, or drills.
2. Call the coach or athletic trainer to manage the situation if a trainer is on site.
3. Possibly assist by:
  - a. Calling for additional assistance.
  - b. Bringing first aid equipment or supplies to the site.
  - c. Keeping onlookers away.
  - d. Directing the rescue squad to the accident site.
4. Fire or fire alarm:
  - a. Evacuate or remain outside the building.
  - b. Move 100 yards from the building.
  - c. Be prepared to implement emergency procedures outlined in #3.

**PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND RETURN THE ATTACHED "ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF WARNINGS"  
TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR.**

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF WARNING BY STUDENT-ATHLETE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge that I have been properly advised, cautioned  
Name of Student-Athlete  
and warned by the proper administrative and coaching personnel of the Harrisburg Christian School,  
that by participating in the sport of **BASEBALL** I am exposing myself to the risk of serious injury,  
including but not limited to, the risk of sprains, fractures, ligament, and/or cartilage damage which could  
result in a temporary or permanent, partial or complete, impairment in the use of my limbs; brain damage;  
paralysis; or even death. Having been so cautioned and warned, it is still my desire to participate in the above  
sport, and should I choose to participate in the above sport, I hereby further acknowledge that I do so with full  
knowledge and understanding of the risk of serious injury to which I am exposing myself by participating in the  
above sport.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student-Athlete Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF WARNING BY PARENTS

We/I, the parent(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby acknowledge that we/I have been  
fully advised, cautioned and warned by the proper administrative and coaching personnel of the Harrisburg  
Christian School that my child named above may suffer serious injury, including but not limited to  
sprains, fractures, brain damage, paralysis or even death, by participating in the sport of **BASEBALL**.  
Notwithstanding such warnings, and with full knowledge and understanding of the risk of serious injury to our/my  
child named above which may result, I give my consent to

\_\_\_\_\_ participating in the sport of **BASEBALL**.  
Name of Student-Athlete

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date