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**WRESTLING WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
PHYSICIAN CLEARANCE**

WRESTLER AT/BELOW 7% for males or 12% for females BODY FAT

TO THE PHYSICIAN:

The Georgia High School Association (GHSA) has instituted a Wrestling Weight Management Program to encourage healthy weight control practices by interscholastic wrestlers. As part of this program, a minimum weight is established for each wrestler prior to their competitive season. Each wrestler's body fat and lean body mass is measured by a body composition analysis. The standard error for this method is + / - 2% for lower weights and + / - 4% for higher weights. A minimum weight is then calculated at 7% body fat for males and 12% for females.

The pre-season assessment performed on your patient indicated he/she is currently at or below 7% body fat (males); 12% (females) and the athlete is requesting that he/she be allowed to wrestle. Most adolescents require 5-7% body fat (males) or 10-12% body fat (females) to achieve optimal growth and development. However, there are some adolescents who are naturally lean and develop normally with a lower percentage of body fat. Because this athlete has less than the minimum body fat, GHSA guidelines require evaluation by and permission from the athlete's personal physician for this athlete to compete.

Please evaluate your patient for normal growth and development, paying particular attention to weight fluctuations and his/her growth curve. Based on the patient's history and your examination, determine if his/her present weight is compatible with normal growth, development and good health and indicate your assessment and recommendations on the next page.

Thank you,

The Georgia High School Association

****GHSA COACHES:** Both pages of this **Form** are to be presented to the attending physician as a part of the clearance process.

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Any male wrestler whose body fat percentage at the time of their initial assessment is at or below 7% must obtain written clearance from a licensed physician (MD or DO) stating that the athlete is naturally at this low body fat level. In the case of a female wrestler, written physician clearance must be obtained for athletes who are at or below 12% body fat. This physician clearance is for one season duration and expires on March 1st of each school year.

****Coach: Complete this section prior to physician appointment****

WRESTLER NAME _____ GRADE 8 9 10 11 12
SCHOOL _____ REGION/AREA _____
INITIAL ASSESSMENT DATA (from OPC):
Date of initial assessment ____ / ____ / ____
Weight _____
% Body Fat _____
Minimum Weight Class _____
PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EXAMINING PHYSICIAN

Date seen in office ____ / ____ / ____ Today's Weight _____ lbs.

The wrestler named above, is at or below the minimum body fat allowed by GHSA Weight Management Program guidelines. This athlete has been granted clearance to wrestle at / above the minimum weight class determined at the initial assessment. **No weight loss.**

Minimum Weight Class _____

PHYSICIAN/PA/RNP SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

NOTE: This form is the only document accepted by the GHSA for Physician Clearance.
No fees are required for this option.

Email or mail this form to the GHSA: Sheri Eubanks, sherieubanks@ghsa.net or
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