Middle School Athletic Participation Instructions

The application for athletic participation will only be submitted electronically and can be found on the Hillsborough County Public Schools Athletics Department website at:

https://athleticclearance.fhsaahome.org/

All students will be required to complete, submit, and receive verification of clearance prior to being allowed to participate in athletics at any Hillsborough County Public School. This includes participation in conditioning, tryouts, practice, contests and approved off-season activities.

In order to successfully complete this process, read this entire document before starting the registration process and be sure to have all required documents scanned in order to be uploaded when prompted.

On the login page, click "Register" under the login box. The parent or legal guardian must register the student-athlete and use the parent's or legal guardian's email address. The student-athlete will be required to sign all portions, as well as the parent or legal guardian.

Prior to starting, you will need the following documents available to complete the registration process:

1. EL2/Physical completely filled out (page 4): must include all physician information (**doctor's stamp, license #, credentials, signature and date), all student information at the top, and parent/student signatures and dates in the middle.**
2. Proof of purchase or insurance card of mandatory School Insurance

   Insurance Information

   School insurance is mandatory and must be purchased online:
   https://hcpsathleticprotection.com/

   Enrollment process, if needed:

   Click: "first time visitor" on the home page or enter your login information and follow the prompts.

   Click: Hillsborough County

   Select MIDDLE SCHOOL-- $25
3. Birth Certificate (all students must upload)
4. Government issued photo identification of parent or legal guardian completing the registration (this is in addition to the current proof of residence).
5. Certificates for the 4 required FHSAA videos (in student's name) from nfhslearn.com. Scan document separately because each will be able to be uploaded individually. (Instructions for viewing the videos is attached.) Videos must be completed after May 15 of the current year to be accepted for the following school year. **(These include Heat Illness, Concussions for Students, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Sportsmanship).**

Registering Your Student-Athlete

Follow these steps to register once on the Athletic Clearance website: https://athleticclearance.fhsaahome.org/

Drop down menu for year:

Select 2026-2027

Drop down menu for school:

Select school

Drop down menu for sport:

Click the first sport the student is interested in participating. **Then add addititional sport(s) by selecting Add New Sport for each.**

Click "Next"

Step 1: Complete all required parent/guardian information and medical history

Step 2: Signatures

Read each statement and type first and last name for student and/or parent/legal guardian in the signature box. Be sure to use exact name used in the Student Information and Parent/Guardian Information steps.

Click "Save and Continue"

Step 3, Files/Uploads Section Documents are to be scanned and uploaded per required section.

*****Please note that required documents with multiple pages can be uploaded as individual pages aseither PDF or JPEG.*****

A. **EL2 – Preparticipation Physical**

   You can download the approved sports physical from this section and upload after being completed by the appropriate personnel. **Physical must be stamped, signed, and dated by the appropriate medical personnel to be valid.**

   Upload to the box that says: Upload EL2/Physical

B. **Birth Certificate**
   All student-athletes must submit a birth certificate

C. **FHSAA Required Course Video Certificates**

   Upload the required certifications individually as either PDF or JPEG. Certificates must be in student's name and dated after May 15, 2026.

   Required videos:
   1. Concussion For Students
   2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest
   3. Heat Illness Prevention
   4. Sportsmanship

   All courses are free and completed online by the student-athlete at www.nfhslearn.com

D. Proof of Insurance

Upload mandatory school insurance card ($25 MIDDLE SCHOOL) that can be printed/screen captured after enrolling student-athlete at: https://hcpsathleticprotection.com/

E. Government Issued Photo ID

Upload Government issued photo ID of parent or legal guardian completing the registration. Address on photo ID must match address of the required proof of residence.

F. School Specific Forms

Schools may require additional information for eligibility. If so, complete this section. Upload completed form(s) where it shows "Additional Documents". The student's school will communicate/provide this information.

Click "Save and Continue"

Once the Assistant Principal for Administration (APA) has reviewed your application, you will receive an email stating you are approved to participate or denied* to participate in athletics.

***If you are denied participation, you will need to correct the outstanding items indicated and may email the APA asking for your application to be reviewed again.**

Once you've received an email stating that the student-athlete is cleared for participation, your child may participate. Prior to receiving a clearance email, the student-athlete may not begin participation. Providing the clearance email to your coach can assist with the student-athlete being allowed to begin participating.

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Preparing Students for Life

As per FHSAA Policies **40.1.1, 41.1** and **42.1.1**, all student-athletes are required to watch the following FREE NFHS Learn courses annually.

1. **Concussion For Students**
   https://nfhslearn.com/courses/concussion-for-students
2. **Heat Illness Prevention**
   https://nfhslearn.com/courses/heat-illness-prevention-2
3. **Sudden Cardiac Arrest**
   https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sudden-cardiac-arrest
4. **Sportsmanship**
   https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sportsmanship-2

Course Ordering

Step 1: Go to www.nfhslearn.com.
Step 2: **"Sign In"** to your account using the e-mail address and password you provided at time of registering for an nfhslearn account.
OR
If you do not have an account, **"Register"** for an account.
Step 3: Click **"Courses"** at the top of the page.
Step 4: Scroll down to the specific course from the list of courses.
Step 5: Click "View Course".
Step 6: Click **"Order Course."**
Step 7: Select **"Myself"** if the course will be completed by you.
Step 8: Click "**Continue"** and follow the on-screen prompts to finish the checkout process.
(Note: There is no fee for these courses.)

Beginning a Course

Step 1: Go to www.nfhslearn.com.
Step 2: **"Sign In"** to your account using the e-mail address and password you provided at time of registering for an nfhslearn account.
Step 3: From your **"Dashboard,"** click **"My Courses"**.
Step 4: Click **"Begin Course"** on the course you wish to take.

For help viewing the course, please contact the help desk at NFHS. There is a tab on the upper right hand corner of www.nfhslearn.com. If you should experience any issues while taking the course, please contact the NFHS Help Desk at (317) 565-2023.