

Appendix A

(To be distributed by the Department of Athletics Compliance Office each year.)

Consent for Release of Confidential Information

Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes, Campus Health Services and the Department of Sports Medicine, and the Department of Athletics

The Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes (“ASPSA”), Campus Health Services including the Department of Sports Medicine (“Sports Medicine”), and the Department of Athletics are all units of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (“University”) that work closely together to support you as a student-athlete. At times, these units may need to share information about you with other individuals outside the University for purposes of discussing your participation in athletics. As discussed in the University’s Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”) Policy, the University also shares information about you among University units on a “need to know” basis. Please note that your medical records may be covered by certain North Carolina privilege laws.

The privacy of your confidential information, including student record information and medical information, is protected by federal and state law.

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS

Medical Information at Campus Health Services: Sports Medicine is a unit within Campus Health Services (“CHS”). CHS provides health care services to you as a student-athlete through Sports Medicine and other departments within CHS. The CHS provider may share pertinent information about your condition(s) with any outside provider whose assistance is necessary for further treatment (medical equipment vendors, specialists, surgeons, and other similarly situated individuals, for example). CHS will also provide information to your insurance company or prescription drug benefit manager so payment may be made to CHS for treatment provided to you.

- A CHS treatment provider may share information about your condition(s) with other individuals who need to be informed of your condition(s) for legitimate reasons (such as continuing treatment or determining whether you are able to practice, play, or attend class).
- If you are injured, information about your condition(s) may be provided to Athletic Trainers to share with your coaches to help your coaches make informed decisions about your return to participation in athletically-related activities.
- CHS provides appropriate medical information to the Department of Athletics so that payment may be made for treatment received by you from CHS.
- CHS may provide some of your medical information to the Department of Athletics for required disclosures to appropriate external entities such as the NCAA or the ACC.

Unless required to do so by law, CHS will **NOT** share your specific medical records with sports agents, professional athletic teams or leagues, attorneys, or unrelated third parties without your independently-provided, written consent granted separate from this document.

DISCLOSURES WHICH ASPSA, CHS, DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS MEDICINE, AND/OR DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS STAFF DETERMINE ARE IN MY BEST INTEREST

Because student-athletes are in the public eye, there may be times when sharing a limited amount of information about you is in your best interest. These disclosures will NOT include specific medical records or grades, except as otherwise provided in the University’s FERPA Policy. The ASPSA, CHS, and/or Department of Athletics staff will usually make an effort to verbally discuss such disclosures with you before they are made.

These disclosures include information about you which in the judgement of your coaching staff, the Department of Athletics Communications Office, other members of the Department of Athletics, ASPSA staff, or CHS staff (depending on the nature of the information) should be disclosed to members of the media or the general public. This information may include, but is not limited to, information about your playing status and related factors which may impact such playing status. If your playing status is implicated, such disclosures may include limited information about your medical condition, such as specific injuries. Information about specific injuries that occur off the playing field will typically only be provided to the media after consultation with your Head Coach, Sports Medicine personnel, and Department of Athletics Communications Office representatives for your respective sport. By signing this consent form, you are also consenting to the limited disclosure of injuries that occur during a game.

Information may also be disclosed to scouts or other personnel of professional sports organizations, sports agents, and others associated with the professional sports industry by members of the Department of Athletics, CHS, and/or ASPSA. This may include information about your character, playing abilities, and personality, as well as general information about you as a student, such as your cumulative GPA. It will not include specific records, such as your transcript.

Information may also be disclosed to potential employers by members of the Department of Athletics, CHS, and/or ASPSA. This may include information about your character and personality, as well as general information about you as a student, such as your cumulative GPA. It will not include specific records, such as your transcript.

For you to be considered for awards and honors, the University may release information about your cumulative GPA.

At times, the University may also need to disclose the information described above to your parent(s) or legal guardian(s), which may sometimes be of a more sensitive nature than that shared with the media or general public. Information about a specific medical condition, regardless of where it occurs, or grades may be shared with your parents or legal guardian.

My signature below indicates my consent to these provisions.

Student-Athlete Printed Name

Student-Athlete Signature

Sport

Date

****In certain circumstances, the terminology and meaning of certain words in this Appendix may be similar to, but not exactly the same as, the defined terms in the Policies and Procedures Regarding the Protection of Student-Athletes' Confidential Information. Any authorization for disclosure of confidential information provided by a student-athlete shall be effective until revoked by means of written notice provided by the applicable student-athlete to the University in accordance with the provisions of the Policies and Procedures Regarding the Protection of Student-Athletes' Confidential Information.**