

**OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS HEAD INJURY/CONCUSSION
CONSENT FORM AND WAIVER -- FOOTBALL**

School Year - 20____ - 20____

School: _____

Name of Student: _____

Date of Birth: _____

The undersigned(s) are the Student and the Parent(s) or guardian(s) (collectively referred to as "Parent") in charge of the above named student. Parent and Student understand there is a possibility that participation in any sport may result in a head injury and/or concussion. In anticipation of the Student's participation in Football, the Omaha Public Schools have provided Parent and Student with the following documents for review:

- *Omaha Public Schools Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Parent and Student Athlete Concussion Information and Fact Sheet*
- *Omaha Public Schools Riddell InSite Sensor Implementation and Use Guidelines*
- *Riddell Speed Flex with InSite Fact Sheet*

After reading the materials listed above, Parent and Student agree that they are aware of the following information:

- Omaha Public Schools strongly encourages physicians, coaches, student athletes, athletic trainers, and parents to voice any concern they might have for the safety of a student athlete;
- A concussion is a brain injury, which the student athlete and parent are responsible for reporting;
- A concussion can affect the student athlete's ability to perform everyday activities, affect reaction time, balance, sleep quality, and classroom performance;
- The Riddell InSite system is a sensor pad placed inside the football helmet that measures head impact severity;
- The Riddell InSite system does NOT prevent or diagnose a concussion, but it does give coaches and trainers an additional tool on the field to trigger a Rapid Screening Protocol;
- The Riddell InSite system has different thresholds for different player positions;
- When an impact exceeds a predetermined threshold, the Riddell InSite will transmit an alert to sideline staff who will then examine the player for symptoms of concussion in keeping with Omaha Public Schools Riddell InSite Sensor Implementation and Use Guidelines;
- A student athlete will not be allowed to return to a game or practice until cleared by a physician or the Omaha Public Schools Athletic Training Staff in keeping with the Omaha Public Schools Riddell InSite Sensor Implementation and Use Guidelines;
- In the event of a concussion, the brain needs time to heal. There is an increased likelihood for a repeat concussion if the student athlete returns to play before symptoms have resolved;
- In certain instances, repeat concussion can cause permanent brain damage, even death;
- At any point following a suspected concussion, Omaha Public Schools reserves the right to prohibit the student athlete from returning to practice or play; and

- Data collected by the Riddell InSite system is an education record for purpose of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The Parent and Student hereby:

- (1) Understand the importance of reporting a head injury and/or concussion to parents, coaches and athletic training staff;
- (2) Understand and agree that: (a) by this Consent Form the Omaha Public Schools have provided to the Parent and Student the existence of potential dangers associated with student athlete participation; (b) participation in any athletic activity may involve injury of some type; (c) the severity of such injury can range from minor cuts, bruises, sprains, and muscle strains to more serious injuries to the body's bones, joints, ligaments, tendons, or muscles to catastrophic injuries to the head, neck and spinal cord, and on rare occasions, injuries so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis and death; (d) the Riddell InSite system does NOT diagnose a concussion, but it does give coaches and trainers an additional tool on the field to trigger a Rapid Screening Protocol; and (e) even with the best coaching, the use of the best protective equipment and strict observance of the rules, injuries are still a possibility;
- (3) Consent and agree to (a) the use of the Riddell InSite Helmet by the Student; (b) the disclosure by Omaha Public Schools to Riddell InSite of information regarding the Student, including, but not limited to, the student's name, position, and head impact severity data, the purpose of which is to permit Riddell InSite to improve its technology and (c) the disclosure by Omaha Public Schools of non-personally identifiable data relating to the use of the Riddell InSite system to other third parties.
- (4) WITH FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE RISKS INVOLVED, RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND EMPLOYEES (COLLECTIVELY THE "RELEASEES") FROM ANY AND ALL LOSSES, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS AND CAUSES OF ACTION, OBLIGATION, DAMAGES, AND COSTS OR EXPENSES OF ANY NATURE (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES) THAT THE STUDENT AND OR PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIAN INCUR OR SUSTAIN TO PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOTH, WHICH ARISE OUT OF, RESULT FROM, OCCUR DURING OR ARE OTHERWISE CONNECTED WITH THE STUDENT'S USE OF THE RIDDELL INSITE HELMET AND THE STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES OR TRAVEL RELATED TO SUCH ACTIVITIES IF DUE TO ACCIDENT, MISHAP, OR ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES.

We acknowledge that we have read paragraphs (1) through (4) above, understand and agree to the terms thereof, including the warning of potential risk of injury inherent in athletic activities and the release. We understand the importance of the statements above and have asked any, and all questions regarding the above statements.

I hereby attest that I have read, fully understand, and will abide by the above statements.

Student Athlete Name: _____

Student Athlete Signature (required): _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (required): _____

Date: _____