SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of death in student athletes. It happens suddenly and often without warning. SCA is where the heart stops beating suddenly. An individual will stop breathing and collapse, lying motionless or appearing to have a seizure.

CAUSES OF SCA INCLUDE:

- Structural heart defects (hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, Marfan syndrome etc.)
- Electrical Heart Defects (long QT syndrome, Wolff-Parkinson White Syndrome, etc.)
- Blow to the chest (Commotio Cordis)

RISK FACTORS FOR SCA INCLUDE:

- Fainting or seizures during or immediately following exercise
- Chests pains during exercise
- Unexplained shortness of breath, long time to catch breath
- Dizziness
- Unusually rapid heart rate
- Extreme fatigue, always tired and lack of energy
- Unexplained sudden death of a direct family member under the age of 50

If you have any of the risk factors consult your healthcare provider

TO INCREASE THE CHANCES OF SURVIVING SCA THERE SHOULD BE:

1. An Emergency Action Plan in place for every practice and event
2. Someone immediately calling 911
3. An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) immediately accessible
4. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) hands only started immediately

I have reviewed and understand the symptoms and warning signs of SCA

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT AND HIS/HER PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

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Student Name (please print)

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Student Signature **Date**

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Parent or Guardian Signature **Date**