



Bristol Academic Year 2020-2021 Student-Athlete Safety Precautions and Terms and Conditions to Athletics Participation and Use of Bristol Facilities

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the OHSAA and Director of the Ohio Department of Health have authorized athletic activities and the use of athletic facilities for interscholastic athletics. While Bristol Local School District (“Bristol”) takes reasonable steps to comply with recommended safety standards and safety precautions, removing all risk of contracting COVID-19 while students, coaches, staff, and/or spectators gather is impossible. Therefore, student-athlete participation in athletic activities including but not limited to practices, workouts, interscholastic competitions, meetings, scrimmages and/or travel to and from interscholastic competitions and/or the use of Bristol facilities (“Activities”) at this time is voluntary and conditioned upon compliance with the following safety precautions and acceptance of the following terms and conditions and signature by Parent/Guardian and Student-Athlete of the Student-Athlete Waiver and Release of Liability and Acceptance of Safety Precautions and Terms and Conditions for Athletics Participation and Use of Bristol Facilities.

Safety Precautions and Terms and Conditions for Student-Athlete Participation in Activities:

- 1) All Bristol students desiring to participate in Activities (“Student-Athlete(s)”) will need this waiver form signed by a parent/guardian giving them permission to participate in Activities under the guidelines listed below. If a Student-Athlete does not have a signed waiver form on file, they cannot participate in Activities.
- 2) Before entering the locker-room, weight room, bus, and/or athletic facility the Student-Athlete must have his or her temperature checked and verbally confirm to a coach he/she is not experiencing more than 1 of the following COVID-19 symptoms:
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- 3) If a Student-Athlete displays a fever (101 degrees Fahrenheit/38.3 degrees Celsius or higher) and/or more than 1 symptom, the student will not participate in the specified Activity. They will have to complete the following procedures if displaying a fever and/or showing more than 1 symptom of COVID-19:

- A. Self-quarantine immediately away from other Student-Athletes and coaches and be picked up by a family member to be taken home or to a medical facility. Student-Athletes will not be able to leave on their own if displaying a fever and/or showing more than 1 symptom of COVID-19 unless given permission by parent/guardian to coach/administrator;
 - B. The Student-Athlete will be able to participate again in Activity when one of the following have occurred:
 - i. It has been at least ten days since the end of symptoms and last registered fever; or
 - ii. A negative COVID-19 test result provided to Bristol.
- 4) Immediately following the temperature check and verbal confirmation of lack of symptoms, the Student-Athlete will disinfect their hands using hand sanitizer provided for them by the coach. Temporal thermometers and hand sanitizer will be provided by the athletic department for the coaches to facilitate before Activities.
 - 5) Each student-athlete is required to bring their own drink to only be consumed by him/her and no other student-athlete participant. This is to avoid cross contamination. The water fountains inside the school will not be used.
 - 6) All student-athletes are to give their best effort in promoting social distancing when applicable.
 - 7) There will be no spectators during practices and/or workouts. The only people allowed within the practice and/or workout are Student-Athletes, coaches, and medical personal.



**STUDENT-ATHLETE WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ACCEPTANCE
OF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ATHLETICS
PARTICIPATION AND USE OF BRISTOL FACILITIES**

I the undersigned Parent/Guardian and Student-Athlete, acknowledge that I have read and understand the Safety Precautions and Terms and Conditions and voluntarily accept that Bristol Local School District is taking precautions to provide an appropriate environment for Activities during the 2020-2021 school year and authorize Student-Athlete's temperature to be taken before any Activity and agree to the above terms and conditions.

I understand the hazards of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") and am familiar with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") guidelines regarding COVID-19. I acknowledge and understand that the circumstances regarding COVID-19 are changing from day to day and that, accordingly, the CDC guidelines are regularly modified and updated, and I accept full responsibility for familiarizing myself with the most recent updates.

I understand that while Bristol is taking reasonable precautions to protect Student-Athletes from exposure to COVID-19, there remains risk of contracting the virus during Activities as the Activities necessarily involve contact with other people and contact with surfaces other people have touched.

Notwithstanding the risks associated with COVID-19, which I readily acknowledge, I hereby willingly participate or allow a Student/Athlete to participate in Activities. For my safety and the safety of others, I agree to adhere to any and all precautions and terms and conditions for the Activities provided to me by Bristol.

If a Student-Athlete or an immediate family member contract COVID-19, have symptoms associated with the virus or come in contact with an infected person, either before, during or after participation in Activities, I will immediately advise Bristol.

I authorize Bristol to advise Bristol employees, staff, or any third-person with whom Student-Athlete did or may have come into contact while at the Activities, that they were potentially exposed to COVID-19. I understand that Bristol will take reasonable steps to keep Student-Athlete's identity private, however, to protect the health and safety of others, it may be necessary for Bristol to disclose Student-Athlete's identity and health status with respect to COVID-19 to those he or she came in contact with. I consent to such disclosure, and agree such information would not be protected under state and/or federal privacy laws or regulations.

I understand and acknowledge that participation in the Activities involves **inherent risks, dangers, and hazards, including COVID-19 infection**, and that participation in the Activities **may result in injury or illness that could cause serious and permanent disability or death**. I as Parent/Guardian or Student-Athlete expressly and voluntarily **assume all risks arising from**

Student-Athlete’s participation and/or participation in the Activities. The Student-Athlete participating in the Activities does not have any **medical, physical or psychological conditions** that would prevent full and safe participation in the Activities or **Student-Athlete has a health care professional’s** permission to participate in the Activities.

I hereby **release and forever discharge Bristol, its staff, coaches, administrators, and employees (“Bristol Parties”)** from any and all **liability, claims, causes of action, damages, costs, and expenses arising out of or related to a Covid-19 infection (“Claims”)** including, but not limited to, personal injury, or wrongful death arising out of Student-Athlete’s participation in the Activities, whether based in **negligence, contract, strict liability or other bases**, whether such claims are known or unknown to me at the time I sign this Waiver, and **whether caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of Bristol or by any other Bristol Party** (excepting the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Bristol Parties). I agree to waive my right and/or my Student Athlete’s right to bring any and all such Claims, **including any right to sue the Bristol Parties** from and against any Claims **arising out of or relating to participation in the Activities** (excepting the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Bristol Parties). This waiver and release shall be governed in accordance with the laws of Ohio except its conflict of laws provisions, and any dispute in relation hereto will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts of Ohio.

This Agreement and Waiver shall remain in full force and effect unless withdrawn in writing by certified mail service to the Office of the Athletic Director, [1845 Greenville Rd NW PO BOX 260, Bristolville, OH 44402], but under no circumstances shall it be withdrawn retroactively.

I CERTIFY THAT I AM OF LEGAL AGE AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTRACT IN MY OWN NAME AND ON BEHALF OF EACH MINOR STUDENT-ATHLETE, AND HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE VOLUNTARILY SIGNED THIS DOCUMENT AND THAT MY SIGNING CONSTITUTES A RELEASE OF RIGHTS, AND THAT I HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS FORM.

On behalf of Student-Athlete: _____
(Print name of Student-Athlete)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student-Athlete Signature

Date

Bristol Athletic Department
Bristol Local School District