FAQ REGARDING FINAL FORMS AND FALL SPORTS

What is a valid physical for the 2023 Fall sports season?

For fall sports only, a valid physical must be dated after 8/1/2022 for HS sports and 9/1/2022 for MS sports. The physical is valid for one year from the date it was done, but if it expires before the end of the fall season, it is still accepted by NYS for the entire season. When the new physical is taken, it should be uploaded into their Final Forms Account.

What if I receive an email generated by final forms that my child has not signed the concussion acknowledgement form?

This means that your parent forms are complete, but the athlete did not sign off on their concussion acknowledgement document within Finals Forms. This is not the baseline concussion test they have to take on the computer...this is a form within the Final Forms program acknowledging the signs and symptoms of a concussion. If the athlete does not find the email sent from Final Forms in their RVC student emails, have the athlete check their spam folder, click that it is not spam, then from their inbox open the link sent by Final Forms read the statement and electronically sign off.

What if my athlete's physical is not on the proper form?

New York State law requires ALL physicals to be on NYS Required School Health Examination Form.

What if my athlete's physical does not have the family cardiac history reviewed box?

The 2023 NYS Required Health Examination Form has been updated. The form was revised to meet Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) law requirements. Schools are encouraged to share the 2023 updated Health Examination Form with parents/guardians and providers. However, schools may continue to accept the 2022 version.

What if my ATHLETE has had a physical on the updated 2023 NYS required Health Examination form and the cardiac history box is not checked off by my provider? The physical cannot be accepted if the cardiac history has not been reviewed by your health care provider.

What if my health care provider does not sign and stamp my athlete's physical? New York State law states that the physical is invalid if not signed and stamped by the provider.

What if the physical is documented on a non-mandated form (ie. Camp form)? The physical cannot be accepted.

Do I still need to fill out the old health history form?

No! This form is now only being used at the elementary grade level.

How will I know my athlete is cleared?

You will receive an email generated by final forms from your school nurse. There are no paper (white slips) clearances. This email does not have to be given to the coach. All coaches have their teams in Final Forms...they will look for the green go-ahead for each athlete.

What if I receive an email stating that my athlete has an expired, invalid or nonexistent concussion test?

This means that your athlete does not have a current baseline concussion test on file and must take an impact (concussion) test prior to the start of the fall sports season.

Aug 16th Physical clearances 9:00-11:00 Exams for HS & MS fall athletes Concussion testing 9:00-11:00 Impact testing for HS & MS fall athletes Aug 22 Physical clearances 9:00-11:00 Exams for HS & MS fall athletes Concussion testing 9:00-11:00 Impact testing for HS & MS fall athletes Aug 28 Physical clearances 7:00-10:00 Exams for HS & MS fall athletes Concussion testing 7:00-10:00 Impact testing for HS & MS fall athletes Aug 29 Physical clearances 8:00-11:00 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETES Concussion testing 8:00-11:00 Impact testing for MS fall athletes

AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST......

Why am I constantly being reminded to sign up for Fall Sports?

The earlier you sign your athlete for sports and upload all paperwork, the easier it is for your athlete, your athlete's coach and the health office at your athlete's school. Every piece of paperwork you submit has to be reviewed by the nursing staff. The longer this is put off, the less likely your athlete will be cleared for the start of the season.