



INFORMED ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS AND HAZARDS CONNECTED WITH PARTICIPATION IN BASKETBALL

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY THE STUDENT AND PARENT OR LEGAL
GUARDIAN

IF THE STUDENT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND BEFORE YOU SIGN

WARNING

Participation in any athletic activity might involve injury of some type to either yourself or a fellow student-athlete. Such injury can include direct physical and possible crippling injuries experienced as a result of witnessing or actually inflicting injury to another. The severity of such injury can range from minor cuts, scrapes, or muscle strains to catastrophic injury such as complete paralysis or even death. Such injury can impair one's general physical and mental health and hinder one's future ability to earn a living, to engage in other business, social and recreational activities, and generally to enjoy life.

Basketball is a ball and hoop sport involving contact. As in all sports, **Basketball** involves the RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. Because it is a contact sport, **Basketball** involves the risk of serious injury to virtually every part of the human anatomy. These risks include the possibility of neck and spinal injuries which can result in complete or partial paralysis; injury to the head, including brain damage; injury to the body's nerves, blood vessels, and internal or reproduction organs; injury to the body's bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons, and other as parts of the musculoskeletal system. In addition, there is the possibility of suffering emotional distress or psychological injury as the result of participating in **Basketball**.

Injuries in **Basketball** commonly can occur to all parts of the body, including the head and neck, shoulders, arms, chest, hands and fingers, hips, and legs, knees, ankles and feet. Fatalities in **Basketball** typically are caused by direct blows to the head or chest or from head and neck injuries caused by falling or colliding with other players.

Basketball injuries can result from correct or incorrect performance of playing techniques used in tryouts, practices, warm-ups, games, drills, exercises, scrimmages, plays, or other similar undertakings. Injury to the head or other parts of the body can result from contact with other participants, the playing surface, training equipment, and other solid objects in and around the basketball court. Injury can result from ill-fitting or worn equipment and from otherwise wearing and/or using basketball equipment or other protective gear. Injury can result from training room procedures; from the use of training equipment; from the administration of first aid; or from failing to follow game, training, safety or other team rules. Injury may result from the use of playing techniques taught or from teaching methods employed by Centralia College coaches. The use of transportation provided or arranged by the College to and from **Basketball** games and other related activities also involves a risk of injury or death. The purpose of the WARNING is to bring your attention to the existence of potential dangers associated with athletic participation. There is, however, always the

risk of other types of injuries or the risk of injury or death resulting from other causes not specified here.

The purpose of the WARNING is also to aid you in making an informed decision as to whether you or your child or ward should participate in this athletic activity and, as a condition of such participation, sign the forgoing ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAZARDS AND RISKS. In addition, its purpose is to make you aware that as a student athlete, or as a parent or guardian of a student athlete, it is your responsibility to learn about and/or to inquire of coaches, physicians, or other knowledgeable persons about any concerns that you might have at any time regarding athletic safety and the safety of the college's **Basketball** program.

STUDENT-PARENTAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS AND HAZARDS

I have read the above warning, which is incorporated here by reference, and I understand that **Basketball** is a sport involving the **RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH**. I also understand that by participating (or by permitting my child or ward to participate) in the Centralia College **Basketball** program, I (my child or ward) am subject to the possibility of injury or death as outlined in the **WARNING** above.

CAUTION

BY SIGNING THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS AND HAZARDS, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ ITS CONTENTS AND WARNING, THAT I UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND WARNING, AND THAT I AGREE TO ITS TERMS AND CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE (OR TO PERMIT MY CHILD OR WARD TO PARTICIPATE) IN THE INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORT OF BASKETBALL AT CENTRALIA COLLEGE.

Date: _____
Signature of Student

Date: _____
*Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (if student is under 18 years of age)

WITNESS – COLLEGE OFFICIAL

On _____ day of _____, 20_____, I witnessed the execution of the above.

Signature of School Official Position

***NOTE: If it is not possible for a college official to witness the signature of the parent or legal guardian when the student is under the age of 18, a notary shall witness the parent or guardian's signature to this acknowledgement of hazards and risks.**