OHSAA ADOPTS A NEW DIGITAL PHYSICAL FORM

OHSAA initiates the use of PrivIT e-PPE to improve the health and safety of student-athletes.

Columbus, OH—The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) has announced a partnership with PrivIT, a Columbus, Ohio, based company, to streamline the process for the management and collection of physical forms required for participation in high school sports. The OHSAA will be replacing the paper physical forms with the PrivIT e-PPE (electronic Pre-Participation Evaluation) secure online solution beginning May 1 for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Migrating the paper PPE process to the PrivIT e-PPE solution gives parents the flexibility to keep their child’s health information current, and since the information is only entered once, updating the information in the future is as simple as clicking a few buttons. PrivIT e-PPE will help high schools better facilitate the process of collecting personal health history information from athletes and save time and costs associated with managing the paper process.

Within PrivIT e-PPE, parents of student-athletes will complete the medical questionnaire that will prepopulate several forms required for sport participation. Upon completion, these forms will be printed and taken to the student-athlete’s physical exam. Parents will enjoy using PrivIT e-PPE to manage their student-athlete’s health history information, because in subsequent years, they will only have to update the information in PrivIT e-PPE as opposed to completing all the paper-based forms again.

PrivIT e-PPE is a patented and secure HIPAA compliant solution that includes a more comprehensive health history questionnaire that is easy to use and helps mitigate health risks related to sports. The reports generated by PrivIT e-PPE provide a detailed summary of an athlete’s health history and readily identifies health risk areas to support the physical exam. Taking the paper-based process and transitioning it online will provide athletic trainers and coaches more time to focus on the nearly 350,000 Ohio student-athletes.

“As the governing body for high school athletic programs, the OHSAA provides health and safety information to high schools throughout the state. With the support of our Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine, we are excited to provide our high school members the PrivIT e-PPE solution as a service designed to enhance the sport pre-participation process,” said Dr. Dan Ross, Commissioner of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. “When you think about sports and your student-athlete, you think of only the best. You want your child to be active, learn discipline, be healthy and have fun. It’s our job to help our school districts provide a safe sporting environment.”

“We are looking forward to a long-term relationship with the OHSAA,” said Jeffrey Sopp, CEO of PrivIT. “Being affiliated with an association like the OHSAA is a true testament to what PrivIT has to offer the sports industry when it comes to improving the health and safety of athletes. It’s great that the PrivIT e-PPE will be provided immediately to schools and the participants, and we’re looking forward to the near future when use of our product will be the standard.”
OHSAA will begin rolling out PrivIT e-PPE throughout the State high school athletic departments starting May 2014. Future plans include onboarding over 200,000 seventh and eighth grade junior high school athletes, officials, and coaches.

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**About OHSAA**
The Ohio High School Athletic Association is a private, non-profit association of high schools and 7th-8th grade schools, which are volunteer members. The OHSAA’s mission is to regulate and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of participation in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student's educational experience. The OHSAA represents its member schools by recognizing and promoting academics, the safety of participants, good citizenship and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics.

**About PrivIT:**
PrivIT was established in 2005, and provides cloud-based patented technology for the collection, distribution, and analysis of personal health information. Considered a world-class leader in electronic pre-participation evaluations, the PrivIT MiSuite of Products offer clients a more secure and standard method for acquiring and sharing the personal health information required for participation in organized sports and activities. With offices in London, Ontario and Columbus, Ohio, PrivIT fosters lasting relationships with physicians, athletic trainers, sports medicine organizations, and international sports teams. To learn more about PrivIT and its MiSuite of Products, visit www.priv-it.com.