

Dear Parent and Student Athlete:

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), of which UTA is a member, has a committee charged solely with sports safety. The University of Texas at Arlington has followed this committee's recommendation in making every effort to minimize the risks inherent in sports. We have followed the NCAA standards for safe athletic equipment, for pre-participation medical exams, for pre-season preparation for necessary emergency care, and for athletic accident insurance. Nevertheless, we feel compelled to inform every parent and participant that there remains the possibility of injury to a student-athlete participating in intercollegiate athletics.

While there are many injuries of a minor nature that occur each year, in the contact sports particularly, very few of these are life threatening or of a permanent nature. Statistically, these types of injuries are extremely rare. There is however, about a 50% chance that a student-athlete will suffer some type of minor injury during the season.

With these figures in mind, we hope that each of you realize that there is a risk involved when you participate in athletics and that while we do our best to insure against injury and to provide the best medical care for the student athlete should injury occur, we cannot offer any guarantees against the possibility of an injury either minor or of a serious nature.

We ask that one parent and the student-athlete sign in the individual space below. Your signature on this page does not waive rights to sue for damages incurred due to negligence; however, it does indicate that the parents and student-athletes are aware that there is an element of risk in participating in any sport.

Sincerely,

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Sport

Student-Athlete Print Name

Student-Athlete Sign

Date

Parent/Gaurdian Date

