



National Federation of Middle School Sports

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Media / Photo / Video Release Form

This form authorizes NFMS, In Time of Need, Inc., Rising Rank Sports, approved schools, event partners, sponsors, media representatives, and authorized designees to use approved photos, videos, recordings, livestream footage, interviews, name/likeness, school/team affiliation, and recognition content for official organizational, event, media, publicity, sponsorship, and recognition purposes.

1 Participant / Student-Athlete Information

STUDENT-ATHLETE FULL NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

GRADE LEVEL

SCHOOL NAME

TEAM / COACH NAME

SPORT(S)

EVENT / PROGRAM NAME

EVENT DATE(S)

LOCATION / VENUE

2 Parent / Guardian Information

If participant is a minor

PARENT / GUARDIAN FULL NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT-ATHLETE

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

HOME ADDRESS

CITY

STATE / ZIP

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School / Team Authorization

If applicable

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE NAME

TITLE

EMAIL

PHONE

I certify that I am authorized to submit or confirm media permissions on behalf of the school/team only to the extent allowed by school policy and parent/guardian consent requirements.

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

DATE

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Scope of Media Permission

I am the parent/legal guardian of the minor participant named above, or I am an adult participant signing for myself. I authorize NFMSS, In Time of Need, Inc., Rising Rank Sports, approved schools, approved event partners, approved sponsors, approved media representatives, vendors, contractors, volunteers, and authorized designees to photograph, film, record, livestream, interview, publish, display, distribute, edit, archive, and use approved media and recognition content for official NFMSS, Rising Rank Sports, school, event, media, sponsorship, public relations, and promotional purposes.

- I grant permission for photos, video, livestream footage, audio, interviews, and recordings to be captured during NFMSS-related activities.
- I grant permission for approved media and recognition content to be used by NFMSS and Rising Rank Sports.
- I understand that additional parental consent, athlete profile consent, school authorization, or children's privacy consent may be required before certain minor information is displayed online.

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Media That May Be Used

- Photographs, video footage, livestream footage, and audio recordings
- Interviews, quotes, name, image, likeness, and voice
- School name, team name, grade level, sport, position, and jersey number
- Awards, achievements, scores, statistics, rankings, and highlight clips
- Event participation, championship recognition, and related athletic or school information

6 Approved Uses

- NFMSS.org and RisingRankSports.com
- Social media posts, event recaps, and championship promotions
- Flyers, newsletters, press releases, and sponsor presentations
- Event programs, banners, printed materials, and digital graphics
- Highlight videos, athlete/team features, and rankings announcements
- Livestreams, interviews, media stories, and archival records
- Sponsor recognition and sponsor-branded event content

7 Rising Rank Sports and Digital Platform Use

Rising Rank Sports is a connected middle school sports media, rankings, athlete profile, team profile, statistics, highlight video, and recognition platform. Approved media and athlete/team recognition content may be displayed on Rising Rank Sports when proper consent and authorization have been obtained.

- I authorize approved media to be considered for Rising Rank Sports athlete, team, rankings, statistics, recognition, or feature content.
- **I do not authorize Rising Rank Sports public profile or rankings-related media use at this time.**

8 Sponsor-Branded and Partner Content

Approved media may appear with NFMSS sponsor logos, partner logos, event sponsors, championship sponsors, or sponsor-branded recognition content. This permission does not mean the participant personally endorses any sponsor, company, product, or service unless a separate written agreement is signed by the parent/legal guardian or adult participant and NFMSS.

9 Limits and Protections

NFMSS and Rising Rank Sports will use reasonable efforts to present participants respectfully and appropriately. This release does not authorize intentionally false, defamatory, exploitative, harmful, or unrelated use of a participant's image or likeness. Users, spectators, schools, parents, athletes, coaches, and third parties may not misuse NFMSS or Rising Rank Sports media to bully, harass, shame, exploit, threaten, or target any minor, student-athlete, coach, school, official, volunteer, sponsor, or staff member.

10 Children's Privacy and Minor Information Notice

Because NFMSS and Rising Rank Sports serve middle school student-athletes, minor information must be handled carefully. If a student-athlete is under age 13, or if online features collect or display personal information from a child, additional parental consent, children's privacy notices, or account controls may be required before certain information, images, videos, statistics, rankings, or profile features are collected or displayed online. Parent/legal guardian may request review, correction, limitation, or removal of official NFMSS or Rising Rank Sports media and minor information by contacting NFMSS in writing. Removal from third-party websites, screenshots, reposts, printed materials, archives, or search engines may not always be possible.

11 No Compensation

I understand that the participant and parent/legal guardian will not receive compensation, royalties, payment, or other financial benefit for approved media use, publicity, photos, videos, livestream footage, interviews, athlete recognition, statistics, rankings, highlights, or related content unless a separate written agreement is signed by NFMSS and the parent/legal guardian or adult participant.

12 Revocation or Removal Request

I understand that I may submit a written request to revoke future media permission. Revocation will not affect content already published, printed, distributed, used in completed materials, archived, used in sponsor reports, used in event records, or shared by third parties before NFMSS receives and processes the request.

REMOVAL / REVOCATION REQUEST EMAIL

DATE REQUEST SUBMITTED

REQUESTED ACTION

13 Permission Selection Checklist

Check all that apply

- I authorize use of the participant's photo and video from NFMSS activities.
- I authorize use of the participant's first and last name in official recognition content.
- I authorize use of the participant's school/team name and sport.
- I authorize use of the participant's statistics, scores, rankings, awards, and achievements.
- I authorize approved interviews, quotes, and feature stories.
- I authorize livestream or broadcast footage that may include the participant.
- I authorize sponsor-branded event or recognition content involving the participant.
- I authorize Rising Rank Sports media/profile/rankings visibility when all required consents are complete.
- I do NOT authorize public media use except as needed for internal event administration and safety identification.
- I request limited media use only. Restrictions: _____

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Parent / Guardian or Adult Participant Consent and Signature

By signing below, I certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of the minor participant named above, or I am an adult participant signing for myself. I have authority to grant this permission, and I have read, understand, and voluntarily agree to this Media / Photo / Video Release Form.

PARENT / GUARDIAN OR ADULT PARTICIPANT PRINTED NAME

DATE

SIGNATURE

STUDENT-ATHLETE PRINTED NAME

STUDENT-ATHLETE SIGNATURE (if age appropriate)

DATE

SECTION 15 — NFMSS / SCHOOL / EVENT STAFF USE ONLY — DO NOT DISTRIBUTE

FORM RECEIVED BY

ROLE / TITLE

DATE RECEIVED

FILE / RECORD LOCATION

MEDIA PERMISSION STATUS

- Approved
 Limited
 Not Authorized
 Needs Follow-Up

RISING RANK SPORTS PROFILE / MEDIA STATUS

■ Approved

■ Not Approved

■ Pending Additional Consent

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