

For Health Professionals

Health Alerts

Health Advisory #28 - Buffalo School Athletic Physicals - 01/22/2003

A student wishing to participate in Buffalo school athletics is required to be examined by a school physician, who must certify that he/she is physically qualified for the sport. The school physician must base the final decision for participation on two factors: safeguarding the health of the individual student, and assurance that the school is not exposing the student to an undue risk. Should a dispute occur regarding a student's eligibility to participate in school athletics, Dr. Richard Judelsohn, Medical Director of the Erie County Department of Health will act as the final arbiter. If a student chooses to have their physical completed by a private physician or other health care provider outside of school, the exam **MUST** be recorded on the Athletic Physical Form (Sh12A) and signed by the provider. **NO OTHER FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR DOCUMENTATION OF PHYSICAL RESULTS.** Failure to complete the proper form will result in the student not being approved for sport activities. A copy of the form has been attached for your reference. Please mark all sports that the student is medically fit to play. Please feel free to contact Nancy Kelly, Coordinator, School Health Program at (716) 858-8811 with any questions you may have.