

## MHSAA Initiates Use of PRIVIT to Improve Health and Safety of Student-Athletes

Getting I.T. offers helpful hints and instructions pertaining to information technology as it relates to the MHSAA and school sports in general.

The MHSAA and PRIVIT will continue to streamline the process for the management and collection of physical health history and consent forms required for participation in high school sports. The MHSAA partners with PRIVIT's solution, called Privit Profile, as the electronic alternative to paper forms. The partnership began with the 2016-17 school year, and this year 50 schools are using the program.

Migrating the paper process to Privit Profile will help high schools better facilitate the process of collecting personal health history information from athletes, and it will save time and costs associated with managing the paper process.

Privit Profile includes the MHSAA's health history questionnaire and is built on PRIVIT's patented, secure, and HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) compliant technology. The additional MHSAA forms also are included in the implementation and provide MHSAA member schools the flexibility to further tailor Privit Profile to their process. Taking the paper-based process and transitioning it online will provide athletic trainers and coaches more time to focus on Michigan's student-athletes.

Within Privit Profile, parents of student-athletes easily complete the medical history questionnaire and take printed copies to the student-athlete's physical exam. In subsequent years, parents only will have to update the information in Privit Profile, as opposed to completing all of the paper-based forms again.

"It has become necessary for increased detail in the requirements to participate in school sports," said MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts. "We desire more comprehensive health histories for students and more education of parents and students regarding the risks of participation, as well as the intangible rewards of competing in educational athletics. Streamlining for collection and storage of documents is a priority."

Gathering more detailed Health Histories – including an upgrade of the previous pre-participation physical form – was the first focus of the ongoing MHSAA 4 Hs of Health and Safety effort taken up before the start of the 2009-10 school year (the other three H's stand for Heads, Heat and Hearts).

The MHSAA began rolling out Privit Profile throughout local high school athletic departments in May 2016. Use of Privit Profile by schools is voluntary.

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"As the importance of pre-screening athletes continues to sweep the nation, more and more state high school athletic associations are adopting Privit Profile to better manage student-athlete health information," said Jeffrey Sopp, CEO of PRIVIT. "We are excited to be partnering with MHSAA and to be able to provide Privit Profile to schools and participants in Michigan for the 2017-18 school year. We're looking forward to helping MHSAA member high schools and improving a manual process for years to come."

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