

Northwestern University & Niner Sports  
COVID-19 Participation Waiver

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a multitude of challenges for athletics at every level, and while it is not possible to eliminate all risk related to the spread of COVID-19, Northwestern University and Niner Sports will take necessary precautions and comply with guidelines from the federal, state, and local governments, CDC, IDPH, and the City of Evanston to reduce the risks to athletes, coaches and support staff. As knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing, our university reserves the right to adjust and implement precautionary methods as necessary to decrease the risk of exposure for athletes and staff. Precautionary methods in our return to camps plan include but may not be limited to:

1. Daily health screenings and attestations surveys prior to every camp or clinic day, with participation in activities being limited and/or prohibited where an individual displays positive responses or symptoms.
2. Encourage social distancing and require the use of face coverings.
3. Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing, using hand sanitizer, etc.
4. Intensify cleaning, disinfections, and ventilation in all facilities.
5. Educate athletes, coaches, and staff on health and safety protocols.
6. Require all athletes and coaches to provide their own water bottle for hydration.

By signing this form, the undersigned voluntarily agree to the following waiver and release of liability. The undersigned agree to release and discharge all claims for ourselves, our heirs, and as a parent or legal guardian for the student-athlete named below, against Northwestern University, its Board of Directors, successors, assigns, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers as well as Niner Sports, and will hold them harmless from any and all liability or demands for personal injury, psychological injury, sickness, death, or claims resulting from personal injury or property damage, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the student-athlete or the undersigned relating to or as a result of the student-athlete's participation in Niner Sports camps during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The undersigned acknowledge that participating in athletic activities may include a possible exposure to a communicable disease including but not limited to COVID-19. The undersigned further acknowledge that they are aware of the risks associated with COVID-19 and that certain vulnerable individuals may have greater health risks associated with exposure to COVID-19, including individuals with serious underlying health conditions whose immune systems are compromised. While particular recommendations and personal discipline may reduce the risks associated with participating in athletics during the COVID-19 pandemic, the risk of serious illness, medical complications, and possible death does exist.

We knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of others, and assume full responsibility for student-athlete's participation in athletic camps during the COVID-19 pandemic. We willingly agree to comply with the stated recommendations put forth by Northwestern University and Niner Sports to limit the exposure and spread of COVID-19 and other diseases. We certify that the student-athlete is in good physical condition or believe the student-athlete to be in good physical condition and allow participation in this sport at our own risk.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student-Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions can be directed to Camp Director, Tracey Fuchs at [tfuchs@northwestern.edu](mailto:tfuchs@northwestern.edu) or William Byrne, Camp Coordinator at [wbyrne@northwestern.edu](mailto:wbyrne@northwestern.edu)