



# Missouri State High School Activities Association

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**TO:                    MSHSAA-Member Schools**  
**FROM:                Harvey Richards, Associate Executive Director**  
**DATE:                August 2014**  
**SUBJECT:            Electronic Filing Program**

The MSHSAA staff and Sports Medicine Committee approved the use of the electronic filing program produced by PrivIT for use with the required pre-participation physical evaluations. This online program is an option that a school may choose to utilize. It is possible that a school could operate with both the electronic filing procedure and the paper filing procedure.

### Electronic PPE

Web-based electronic versions of the PPE have been proposed as a means to improve not only the efficiency of screening athletes, but also as a method to provide a more extensive questionnaire that can be used to identify conditions that require further evaluations. Preparticipation physical evaluation screening performed in this manner will also allow for the development of databases that can be used to prospectively analyze the effectiveness of each component of the questionnaire. In addition, this technique has the potential to facilitate the standardization of the PPE. Establishing electronic databases holds much promise in not only improving and standardizing the PPE process, but also in optimizing the follow-up and ongoing medical care for athletes who have had a condition identified during the PPE.<sup>1</sup>

On the following page is a letter from Phil Hein of PrivIT and an information sheet from PrivIT with contact information. Several MSHSAA schools have already chosen to use this program. When members of the MSHSAA staff viewed the presentation by PrivIT, we were impressed with this program. We determined that this type of filing operates within the scope of the state law and the MSHSAA by-law that covers this issue.

The personnel from PrivIT understands many of the issues that might confront a school that chooses to implement this program, and they are prepared to help you with your questions and concerns.

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<sup>1</sup> Bernhardt D and Roberts W, PPE Preparticipation Physical Evaluations, American Academy of Pediatrics, 2010(4), 144.

Good Day!

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Phil Hein, and I am with PrivIT, a company who specializes in offering online solutions that manage health profiles used in sports. I wanted to reach out to you regarding an opportunity concerning the PPE process that the high schools in your state currently go through each year utilizing paper.

PrivIT is passionate about enhancing the health and safety of athletes. The current paper-based Pre-Participation Evaluation Process (PPE) lacks information and details related to medical questions. It is also cumbersome to manage all the paper forms, does not protect data privacy, and does not allow for monitoring and data analysis; critical information is not readily available on the sidelines when needed. As a result, medical conditions are often overlooked, and athletes are put at risk. In addition, the paper forms can be misplaced, compromising an athlete's privacy. No mechanism exists to aggregate and analyze data to support improvements and training programs for athletes, athletic trainers, and medical staff.

The PrivIT e-PPE system solves the shortcomings of the paper-based PPE process by streamlining it for athletes through our comprehensive, privacy compliant, web-based health screening questionnaire. The major benefits our clients describe are:

- Comprehensive health profiles on every athlete that are easily updated annually online instead of completing the paper questionnaire every year.
- Facilitates on-time submission of PPE without continuous administrative follow up.
- Patented technology that includes Tier 4 Hosting and Military Grade Encryption.
- Concussion baseline symptom assessment score (SCAT 3) captured to support treatment.
- Streamlining of the management process of required documents by school administration.

All the best,

*Phil Hein*

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