

# PRE-EXERCISE SCREENING SYSTEM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

## PARENT TOOL (PSS-PARENT)



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### Child/Young Person's Details:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: *Male*      *Female*      *Prefer not to say*      *Other*

*Pre-exercise screening results will be kept as confidential files and shared only among individuals involved in the event of urgent medical care, and/or with the consent of the young person and/or parent/guardian.*

## STAGE 1 (COMPULSORY)

*To be completed with a parent/guardian in conjunction with an exercise professional or the individual who is responsible for the medical care of the young person.*



These questions are part of a screening system designed for young people participating in exercise. The aim is to identify any young person with medical conditions or warning signs that may put them at a higher risk of an unwanted event during activity or exercise sessions. Unwanted events may include something unexpected during exercise leading to illness, physical harm or death.

*Definition of Child:* Any young person between the age of 5-15 years old in your care

*Please tick your response*

Does your child have, or previously had:	YES	DON'T KNOW	NO
1. A heart condition?			
2. A close relative who has died suddenly from a heart condition before the age of 50?			
3. Uncontrolled epilepsy or seizures/convulsions?			
4. Fainting or dizzy spells with physical activity/exercise?			
5. Diabetes?			
6. An asthma attack requiring immediate medical attention at any time over the last 12 months?			
7. Anaphylactic reactions?			
8. Surgery in the last month?			
9. Any other conditions that may require special consideration for your child to exercise?			
<b>IF YOU ANSWERED 'YES' or 'DON'T KNOW'</b> to any of the 9 questions above, please discuss with the exercise leader or the person administering this form prior to undertaking exercise.			
<b>IF YOU ANSWERED 'NO'</b> we recommend you proceed to Stage 2 with the exercise leader or those providing medical care for the young person.			
10. Over the past seven days, on how many days was your child physically active for a total of 60 minutes or more per day?	Number of days:		

**Parent/Guardian** - I hereby acknowledge that:

- » To the best of my knowledge, all of the information supplied within this tool is correct.
- » I will inform the exercise leader or those providing medical care for the young person if there are any changes to the information provided.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 24-hour Physical Activity Guidelines

Following these guidelines may be challenging at times; however, meeting them will benefit health. Achieving these guidelines is associated with better health and leads to improved body composition, cardiorespiratory and musculoskeletal fitness, cardiovascular and metabolic health, academic achievement and cognition, and improved mental health and emotional regulation. For those not currently meeting these guidelines, a progressive adjustment towards them is recommended.

**Figure 1. 24-hour physical activity guidelines**

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-24-hours-phys-act-guidelines>



## STAGE 2 (RECOMMENDED)

This stage is to be completed with an activity or exercise leader, or a relevant health professional, to highlight possible medical conditions or warning signs that may put a child/young person at a higher risk of an unwanted event during activity or exercise sessions.

### 11. Does your child take any regular medications or supplements?

YES NO

If your child is taking any regular medications or supplements, provide details:

### 12. Does your child have any current health or medical management plans (e.g. anaphylaxis, asthma or diabetes)?

YES NO

If yes, provide details:

If yes, does your child always carry the relevant medication?

- » Anaphylaxis - EpiPen? YES NO NA
- » Diabetes - insulin or glucose? YES NO NA
- » Asthma - reliever (Ventolin or other)? YES NO NA

### 13. Has your child experienced heat related illness previously?

YES NO

If yes, provide details:

**14. Has your child spent time in hospital (including day admission) for any medical condition/ illness/ injury during the last 12 months?**

**YES NO**

If yes, provide details:

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**15. Does your child have any muscle, bone or joint problems and/or pain that could be made worse by participating in activity?**

**YES NO**

If yes, provide details:

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**16. In the last month has your child suffered an episode of concussion?**

**YES NO**

If yes, provide details:

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17. Which of the following behaviours did your child do in the last 7 days?	Yes/No	Frequency	Duration (average)
Sport (including training)			
Physical Education class			
School physical activity (e.g. fitness, lunch time sports)			
Active travel (e.g. walk or cycle to shops/school)			
Other physical activity (e.g. gym, walking the dog, play at playground)			

Over the last week, what time did your child go to bed (Sunday to Thursday evening)?	
Over the last week, what time did your child wake up (Monday to Friday morning)?	
On the weekend (Friday or Saturday evening), what time did your child go to bed?	
On the weekend (Saturday or Sunday morning), what time did your child wake up?	

On the last 5 school days (Monday to Friday), how much time on average did your child spend:	Hours
- watching movies or TV shows on any device (TV, computer, tablet or smartphone?)	
- surfing the internet for fun?	
- texting or messaging, or using social media?	
- playing videogames on smartphones, computers, tablets or consoles like Playstation?	

**\*OPTIONAL\***

**18. Is your child pregnant or have they given birth previously?**

**YES NO**

If yes, provide details:

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