

**PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN
2012 LOUISIANA GAMES UNITING MIND AND BODY
GUMBO**

RE: _____
(Participant's Name)

This permission form has been signed only after understanding and considering the following:

GUMBO: Is track and field competition for visually impaired or physically disabled students ages 5-21. Participants will compete against other athletes in the same age and disability classifications. Competition is held in Shreveport, New Orleans, Tioga, and Lafayette.

SUPERVISION: All competition events will be regulated according to the GUMBO handbook, Official Rules, Policies and Procedures Governing Athletic Competition for the Physically Disabled. All events will be supervised by trained GUMBO officials.

REQUIREMENTS: Athletes must be classified by a trained classifier or coach prior to competition. Athletes ages 19 through 21 may participate if eligibility requirements are met. (See eligibility/classification, GUMBO handbook) Athletes may enter a total of five events, and, if Junior, Senior or Master, the 800 Meter race, if the 5.0 minute time prerequisite has been met. Athletes agree to abide by all rules, including the code of conduct outlined in GUMBO handbook.

EXPECTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS: I understand and appreciate that participation in sports, despite all reasonable precautions implemented for my safety as a participant, carries a risk of **SERIOUS INJURY, INCLUDING AGGRAVATION OF MY DISABILITY**. I also understand and appreciate that controlling that risk is a responsibility that I, as a participant, must share. I agree to abide by any decision by my coaches or of any event official relative to my ability to safely compete in the events. I assume all risks associated with participation in this competition, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, being struck by objects, the effects of the weather, including heat and/or humidity or if I become ill or suffer any other personal loss while participating in this activity. I understand that alcohol, tobacco, or any illegal drug use will **not** be tolerated at any GUMBO function.

CONSENT FOR MEDIA REPRODUCTION: I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recording, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

MEDICAL VERIFICATION AND CONSENT: We, parent and/or guardian and contestant, attest that the applicant is physically able and has sufficiently trained for the competition and that contestant's physical condition has been verified by a licensed, medical doctor, and we consent to any need medical treatment for contestant.

INSURANCE: I understand that the Department of Education, Louisiana G.U.M.B.O Inc., Louisiana Elks Association, and Families Helping Families at the Crossroads does not or may not carry any insurance relative to the Louisiana Games Uniting Mind and Body (GUMBO), or for the injuries of participants. I represent that the participant has insurance or coverage.

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT: I release and waive, and further agree to identify, hold harmless or reimburse the Department of Education, G.U.M.B.O Inc., Families Helping Families at the Crossroads, Louisiana Elks Association, all sponsors, the individual members, agents, employees and representatives thereof, as well as coaches or supervisors, from and against any claim which I may have, known or unknown, directly or indirectly, for any loss, damages or injuries arising out of, during, or in connections with my child's/my participation in the Louisiana Games Uniting Mind and Body (GUMBO), excepting occurrences resulting from gross negligence and wanton intentional misconduct.

Signature: (online registrants, fax or mail this page with signature)

Parental/Participant (if over 21) Signature is Required For Entry

Signature

Date

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