

### Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire (PAR-Q)

Regular physical activity is fun and is also associated with many health benefits. Being more active is safe for most people, however, some people should check with their doctor before becoming more physically active. The completion of the PAR-Q is a sensible first step to take if you are planning to increase the amount of physical activity in your life.

For most people, physical activity should not pose any problems or hazard. PAR-Q has been designed to identify the small number of adults for whom physical activity might be inappropriate or those who should have medical advice concerning the type of activity most suitable for them.

Common sense is your best guide in answering these few questions. Please read them carefully and respond honestly. Check **YES** or **NO** opposite the question if it applies to you. If yes, please explain.

**YES**    **NO**

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| _____ | _____ | 1. Has your doctor ever said you have heart trouble?<br>Yes, _____   |
| _____ | _____ | 2. Do you frequently have pains in your heart and chest?<br>Yes, _____   |
| _____ | _____ | 3. Do you often feel faint or have spells of severe dizziness?<br>Yes, _____   |
| _____ | _____ | 4. Has a doctor ever said your blood pressure was too high?<br>Yes, _____  |
| _____ | _____ | 5. Has your doctor ever told you that you have a bone or joint problem(s),<br>such as arthritis that has been aggravated by exercise, or might be made<br>worse with exercise?<br>Yes, _____ |
| _____ | _____ | 6. Is there a good physical reason, not mentioned here, why you should not<br>follow an activity program even if you wanted to?<br>Yes, _____  |
| _____ | _____ | 7. Are you over age 60 <b>and</b> not accustomed to vigorous exercise?<br>Yes, _____   |
| _____ | _____ | 8. Do you suffer from any problems of the lower back, i.e., chronic pain, or<br>numbness?<br>Yes, _____  |
| _____ | _____ | 9. Are you currently taking any medications? If YES, please specify.<br>Yes, _____   |
| _____ | _____ | 10. Do you currently have a disability or a communicable disease? Please specify,<br>Yes, _____  |

If you answered NO to all questions above, it gives a general indication that you may participate in physical and aerobic fitness activities and/or fitness evaluation testing. The fact that you answered NO to the above questions, is no guarantee that you will have a normal response to exercise.

If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, then you will need permission from a physician at TSHC before participating in fitness testing at the TSHC Wellness Center and should also meet with your doctor before becoming much more physically active.

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I understand that my signature signifies I have read and understand the above information and have answered all questions truthfully.

**Please Note:** If you contract a communicable disease, it is your responsibility to inform the staff of the Theilen Student Health Center of this condition.