SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Waivers and Medical Release Usage Policy

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WAIVERS AND MEDICAL RELEASE USAGE POLICY

1. Waiver and Medical Release forms are required for events that pose a high risk of injury occurring on state property or sponsored by the university. (Examples of high risk of injury activities include: water recreational activities, athletic events, skiing/snowboarding, team vehicle races, etc.)

2. Activities sponsored by student organizations must use the Waiver and Medical Release form for high-risk of injury activities, if the students are not getting academic credit for the activity. When a student is taking a class for credit, they are acknowledging that they accept the risk required to complete the class by payment for the class.

3. Waiver and Medical Release forms are not required for employees or volunteers who are completing employee or volunteer related tasks that may have a high risk of injury, as they are covered by workers compensation.

4. A volunteer must sign a volunteer form and turn it into human resources to be covered by the PEPL fund.

5. A student's health insurance will be primary in all instances, except if the student is an employee of the university at the time of an injury/illness. Student employees will be covered by the PEPL fund.

6. Signing waivers does not resolve responsibility of the university if the university has acted negligently.

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Reference: State of South Dakota Risk Management Manual, Section V, Contracts 5-3