The Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire — PAR-Q
(Revised 2002)
PAR-Q & YOU (A Questionnaire for People Aged 15 to 69)

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to become more active every day. Being more active is very safe for most people. However,
some people should check with their doctor before they start becoming much more
physically active.

If you are planning to become much more physically active than you are now, start by
answering the seven questions below. If you are between the ages of 15 and 69, the PAR-Q
will tell you if you should check with your doctor before you start. If you are over 69 years of
age, and you are not used to being very active, check with your doctor.

Common sense is your best guide when you answer these questions. Please read the
questions carefully and answer each one honestly: check YES or NO.

1. Has your doctor ever said that you have a heart
condition and that you should only do physical
activity recommended by a doctor?

2. Do you feel pain in your chest when you do physical
activity?

3. In the past month, have you had chest pain when
you were not doing physical activity?

4. Do you lose your balance because of dizziness or do
you ever lose consciousness?

5. Do you have a bone or joint problem (for example,
back, knee, or hip) that could be made worse by a
change in your physical activity?

6. Is your doctor currently prescribing drugs (for
example, water pills) for your blood pressure or heart
condition?

7. Do you know of any other reason why you should not
do physical activity?

If you answered YES to one or more questions:
✓ Talk with your doctor by phone or in person BEFORE you start becoming much more
physically active or BEFORE you have a fitness appraisal. Tell your doctor about the
PAR-Q and which questions you answered YES.
✓ You may be able to do any activity you want—as long as you start slowly and build up
gradually. Or, you may need to restrict your activities to those that are safe for you. Talk
with your doctor about the kinds of activities you wish to participate in and follow
his/her advice.
✓ Find out which community programs are safe and helpful for you.

If you answered NO honestly to all PAR-Q questions, you can be reasonably sure that you can:
✓ Start becoming much more physically active—begin slowly and build up gradually. This
is the safest and easiest way to go.
✓ Take part in a fitness appraisal—this is an excellent way to determine your basic fitness
so that you can plan the best way for you to live actively. It is also highly recommended
that you have your blood pressure evaluated. If your reading is over 144/94, talk with
your doctor before you start becoming much more physically active.
Delay becoming much more active:

✓ If you are not feeling well because of a temporary illness such as a cold or a fever—wait until you feel better; or
✓ If you are or may be pregnant—talk to your doctor before you start becoming more active.

Please note: If your health changes so that you then answer YES to any of the above questions, tell your fitness or health professional. Ask whether you should change your physical activity plan.

Informed Use of the PAR-Q: The Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology, Health Canada, and their agents assume no liability for persons who undertake physical activity, and if in doubt after completing this questionnaire, consult your doctor prior to physical activity.

No changes permitted. You are encouraged to copy the PAR-Q but only if you use the entire form.

Note: If the PAR-Q is being given to a person before he or she participates in a physical activity program or a fitness appraisal, this section may be used for legal or administrative purposes.

I have read, understood, and completed this questionnaire. Any questions I had were answered to my full satisfaction.

Name

Signature  Date

Signature of Parent  Witness
or Guardian (for participants under the age of majority)

Note: This physical activity clearance is valid for a maximum of 12 months from the date it is completed and becomes invalid if your condition changes so that you would answer YES to any of the seven questions.
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Name ___________________________ Date of Birth ___________________________

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if participant is under 18) ___________________________ Date ___________________________