

# PAR - Q FORM

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 significantly change your physical activity patterns.

If you are over 69 years of age and are not used to being very active, check with your doctor. Common sense is your best guide when answering these questions.

Please read carefully and answer each one honestly: Select **YES** or **NO**

Name:		Date:	
Doctor:		Date of Birth:	

Question	Yes	No
Has your doctor ever said that you have a heart condition and that you should only perform physical activity recommended by a doctor?		
Do you feel pain in your chest when performing physical activity?		
Have you experienced chest pain when <b>NOT</b> performing physical activity in the last month?		
Do you lose your balance because of dizziness or have you lost consciousness recently?		
Do you have any bone or joint problems such as arthritis, which could be aggravated through physical activity?		
Is your doctor currently prescribing you medications for high blood pressure or a heart condition?		
Has your doctor ever told you to <b>NOT</b> exercise?		
Is there any reason why you should <b>NOT</b> participate in physical activity?		
If answered <b>YES</b> to the final question please state reason here:		

## If you answered YES:

If you answered yes to one or more questions, are older than age 40 and have been inactive or are concerned about your health, consult a physician before taking a fitness test or substantially increasing your physical activity. You should ask for a medical clearance along with information about specific exercise limitations you may have. In most cases, you will still be able to do any type of activity you want as long as you adhere to some guidelines.

### When to delay the start of an exercise program:

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

## If you answered NO:

If you answered no to all the PAR-Q questions, you can be reasonably sure that you can exercise safely and have low risk of having any medical complications from exercise. It is still important to start slowly and increase gradually. It may also be helpful to have a fitness assessment with a fitness instructor or personal trainer in order to determine where to begin.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your health changes so that subsequently you answer YES to any of the above questions, inform your fitness or health professional immediately. Ask whether you should change your physical activity or exercise plan.

<b>Declaration</b>		Having answered YES to one of the above, I have sought medical advice and my GP has agreed that I may exercise.	
I have read, understood and accurately completed this questionnaire. I confirm that I am voluntarily engaging in an acceptable level of exercise, and my participation involves a risk of injury.			
Client Name:		Date:	
Instructor Name:		Date:	
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Instructor Name:		Date:	

Please note: This physical activity clearance is valid for a maximum of 12 months from the date it is completed.