



Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire (PAR-Q)

Regular physical activity is fun and healthy, and increasingly more people are starting to become more active everyday. 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.

Please read the questions carefully and answer each one honestly by checking 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?** ___ YES ___ NO
2. **Do you feel pain in your chest when you do physical activity?** ___ YES ___ NO
3. **In the past month, have you had chest pain when you were not doing physical activity?** ___ YES ___ NO
4. **Do you lose your balance because of dizziness or do you ever lose consciousness?** ___ YES ___ NO
5. **Do you have a bone or joint problem that could be made worse by a change in your physical activity?** ___ YES ___ NO
6. **Is your doctor currently prescribing drugs (for example, water pills) for your blood pressure or heart condition?** ___ YES ___ NO
7. **Do you know of any other reason why you should not do physical activity?** ___ YES ___ NO

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 assessment. 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 which are safe for you. Talk with you doctor about the kinds of activities you wish to participate in and follow his/her advice.

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 assessment. This is an excellent way to determine your basic fitness so that you can plan the best way for you to live actively.

Delay becoming much more active:

If you are not feeling well because of a temporary illness such as 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.

Fitness Excellence®, LLC assumes no liability for persons who undertake physical activity, and if in doubt after completing this questionnaire consult your doctor prior to physical activity.

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

Signature _____

Please Print _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent or GUARDIAN (for participants under the age of 18) _____