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YOUTH SPORTS PARENT-COACH COMMUNICATION AGREEMENT

A shared commitment to a positive, safe, and respectful season

Team: _____ Season: _____

Coach contact: _____ League/program contact: _____

Our purpose: We are partners in helping young athletes learn, compete, build confidence, and enjoy their sport. We agree to communicate respectfully and keep player well-being ahead of adult disagreements.

THE COACH COMMITS TO

- Explain the team's playing-time and participation policy before the season and apply it consistently.
- Make position and lineup decisions using age-appropriate development, preparation, and team needs.
- Offer specific, constructive feedback and opportunities to improve.
- Treat athletes, families, and officials with respect; protect player privacy.
- Listen to concerns fairly and never retaliate for good-faith questions.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS COMMIT TO

- Cheer positively and leave game instructions to the coaching staff.
- Never berate officials, children, other families, or coaches.
- Honor team expectations and communicate unavoidable conflicts early.
- Discuss my own child's growth, not another athlete's performance or playing time.
- Raise concerns privately, calmly, and through agreed team channels.

WHEN A CONCERN COMES UP

1. **Cool down:** For routine game or playing-time concerns, wait about 24 hours when practical.
2. **Reach out:** Contact the coach through the agreed channel; aim for a reply within 2 business days.
3. **Talk privately:** Share specific concerns, listen, agree on next steps, and follow up as needed.
4. **Escalate appropriately:** If unresolved, contact the league/program representative listed above.

SAFETY CONCERNS ARE DIFFERENT

Report injuries, bullying, harassment, discrimination, suspected abuse, threats, or other urgent child-safety concerns **promptly** through the appropriate team or safeguarding process. **Do not wait 24 hours.** Follow medical clearance rules and applicable reporting or emergency procedures.

By signing, we acknowledge these expectations and the applicable league/program policies.

Parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

Coach: _____ Date: _____