

Parent & Athlete Covenant

1. I will pray and *encourage* my child, his/her teammates, mentors, coaches, other parents, officials, and the league officials. 1 Timothy 2:1, Hebrews 3:13
2. I will *support* the coaches and officials working with my child by encouraging his/her respect for them. I understand that in the event my child is disrespectful to myself or the mentors, coaches and officials he/she will be suspended from at least one game (depending upon the severity of the infraction). I Peter 5:5; Hebrews 12:2
3. I will encourage my child's attendance of church services at least once a week; I understand that he/she should not be permitted, to loiter in the church building or on the grounds during church service. Hebrews 10:25
4. I will encourage my child in his/her *academic achievements*; in the event he/she fails to satisfactorily I will inform the coaches and voluntarily suspend him/her for at least one game. In the event of a school mandated suspension, my child will not be permitted to participate in games, but must attend all games, practices and team meetings. Proverbs 3:12, 29:17.
5. I will encourage my child to *speak respectfully* to and about his/her teammates, mentors, coaches, fans officials, and opposing team. In the event he/she does not or receives a technical foul for unchristian-like behavior (profanity, fighting or arguing), it will result in automatic suspension from at least one game. A second offense will result in his/hers suspension for the remainder of the season. Ephesians 3:29; Philippians 3: 14-15
6. I will *dress* my child modestly and appropriately in order to glorify the Lord, (males should not wear braids, earrings, or loosely fitting clothing) I Thessalonians 5:22, Colossians 3:17
7. I will support my child's involvement by modeling Christ-like behavior and attitudes, providing transportation to team meeting's practices, games, and snacks. In the event a player is absent for one game or practice, he/she will be benched the following game, unless the absence is due to injury. Players are required to *arrive 30 minutes* prior to game time; tardy players will be benched for unexcused tardiness. Proverbs 22:6
8. I will encourage my child to learn spiritual truths from the game and develop Christ-like character, including the following traits:
 - Willingness to sacrifice for a long-range goal
 - Consideration for others
 - Ability to accept criticism and profit by it
 - Determination, persistence, self-discipline
 - Obedience to rules and to directions from one in charge (Galatians 6:7-9)
9. I will provide an *environment, which is free of drugs*, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events. Romans 13:14
10. I will *limit my child's other extracurricular involvements*, in order to not interfere with his commitment or performance with the team. I Corinthians 14:40; Psalms 90:12

Parent Signature

Date