

Agreement to Participate in Soccer

Every sport has certain inherent risks, and regardless of the precautions taken, it is impossible to ensure the safety of the participant. Soccer requires a high level of fitness and stamina. It involves quick bursts of speed, long periods of running, and physical contact with a ball and other participants. It is a reasonable safe sport as long as certain guidelines are followed.

Some hazards are being struck by the ball, colliding with another player or with goal posts, and poor weather conditions. A variety of injuries may occur, including muscle strain, sprains, fractures, contusions, abrasions, and dehydration. Serious and disabling injuries and even death may result from participation in soccer. It is not possible to list each specific risk.

To help reduce the chance of injury to yourself and other participants, the following safety rules need to be followed during practice and games. Participants will (1) wear the proper protective equipment when they are on the playing field, including mouthpieces, shin pads, and athletic supports, (2) obey the rules of the sport, and (3) report all discovered defects in the playing field.

I agree to follow the preceding safety rules as well as any others given by my coach. Further, I agree to immediately report any unsafe practices, conditions, or equipment to my coach. I also agree to report any injury to the coaching staff on the day that it occurs.

I certify that (1) I am physically fit to participate in soccer, (2) I understand that I am free to discontinue activity at any time I feel undue discomfort or stress, and (3) on the following lines is a complete list of any health-related conditions that might affect my ability to participate in soccer:

I have read the preceding warning of risks, my coach has explained the hazards to me, and I have had the opportunity to ask questions concerning the safety risks involved in soccer. Any questions I have asked have been answered to my complete satisfaction. I fully know, understand and appreciate the risks inherent in soccer, and I am voluntarily participating in this activity.

Participant Signature

Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date