KNIGHTS YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION

Annual Parent/Guardian Consent & Expectations Agreement

BASEBALL • SOFTBALL • BOYS BASKETBALL • GIRLS BASKETBALL

Athlete Name	
Date of Birth / Grade	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Phone / Email	

VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE SIGNED and applies to all Knights Youth Sports Organization programs in which the athlete participates during that period.

OUR PURPOSE

Knights Youth Sports Organization is committed to developing athletes, building character, and growing leaders through competitive youth sports.

Our goal is to provide an environment where athletes can develop skills, learn teamwork and accountability, compete, and represent the Knights organization with character and sportsmanship. Participation is a privilege, and players, parents, coaches, and spectators are expected to represent the organization positively on and off the field or court.

PARENT & GUARDIAN EXPECTATIONS

- Support my athlete, their teammates, coaches, and the organization in a positive manner.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship toward players, coaches, officials, opposing teams, and other families.
- Refrain from yelling at, confronting, threatening, or using inappropriate language toward coaches, officials, players, or spectators.
- Allow coaches to coach during practices and games without interference from the stands or sidelines.
- Respect coaching decisions involving positions, lineups, substitutions, playing time, strategy, and team assignments.
- Understand that equal playing time is not guaranteed, particularly at competitive levels.
- Ensure my athlete arrives on time and prepared for practices, games, tournaments, and team activities.
- Notify the coach as early as possible when my athlete will miss or be late to a team activity.
- Address concerns appropriately and privately rather than during or immediately following a game.
- Avoid negative or inflammatory comments about coaches, players, families, officials, or the Knights organization on social media.
- Help maintain a positive environment for every athlete in the program.

COMMUNICATION & ATHLETE STANDARDS

24-HOUR COMMUNICATION EXPECTATION

Parents/guardians should not approach a coach immediately before, during, or following a game to discuss concerns involving playing time, positions, coaching decisions, or other disagreements.

When possible, families are asked to wait 24 hours before contacting the coach regarding these concerns. Questions should be addressed respectfully and privately with the coach. If an issue cannot be resolved, it may then be brought to the Knights Director or organizational leadership.

PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

- Treat teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, and spectators with respect.
- Attend practices and games consistently and arrive on time.
- Give best effort and maintain a positive attitude.
- Be coachable and respond appropriately to instruction and correction.
- Encourage teammates rather than criticize or embarrass them.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship in both winning and losing.
- Refrain from bullying, harassment, fighting, inappropriate language, or intentionally harmful behavior.
- Take care of uniforms, equipment, facilities, gyms, fields, and other property.
- Represent the Knights organization appropriately at practices, games, tournaments, team events, and online.

PLAYING TIME & TEAM ROLES

Knights teams may participate at varying levels of competitiveness. Playing time, starting positions, batting order, defensive positions, court positions, substitutions, pitching opportunities, and other team roles are determined by the coaching staff.

Coaches may consider attendance, effort, attitude, skill development, performance, team needs, safety, sportsmanship, and commitment. Participation on a Knights team does not guarantee equal playing time or a specific position or role.

ATTENDANCE & COMMITMENT

By accepting a position on a Knights team, families are making a commitment to the team. Players are expected to attend scheduled practices, games, tournaments, and team activities whenever reasonably possible.

We understand that school, family, religious obligations, illness, and other circumstances may occasionally create conflicts. Parents should communicate conflicts with the coach as early as possible. Repeated unexcused absences or lack of communication may affect an athlete's role or playing time.

FEES, UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

Participation may involve registration fees, team fees, tournament expenses, uniforms, equipment, travel, or other costs communicated by the organization or team. Unless otherwise communicated by the Knights Youth Sports Organization, fees already incurred or committed on behalf of an athlete may be non-refundable if the athlete voluntarily leaves the team. Any Knights-owned uniforms or equipment must be returned when requested.

CONSENT, SAFETY & CONDUCT

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION & EMERGENCY CARE

I certify that my athlete is physically able to participate in youth sports unless limitations have been disclosed to the appropriate coach or organization representative. In the event of an injury or medical emergency when I cannot be reached, I authorize Knights Youth Sports Organization coaches, volunteers, or representatives to seek reasonable emergency medical care for my child.

I understand that I am responsible for medical expenses associated with my child's participation unless otherwise required by law or applicable insurance.

Emergency Contact	
Emergency Phone	
Allergies/Medical Information Coaches Should Know	

RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS

I understand that participation in baseball, softball, basketball, practices, conditioning, games, tournaments, and related activities involves inherent risks of injury. I knowingly permit my child to participate and acknowledge these inherent risks. In consideration of allowing my child to participate in these activities, I hereby release and discharge from liability arising from negligence, Knights Youth Sports, and its owners, directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, participants, and all other persons or entities acting for them, including the owner and operator of any real estate upon which the activities take place (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Releasees”), on behalf of myself and my children, parents, heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate, and also agree as follows:

1. I acknowledge that the sports activities involves known and unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis or permanent disability, death, and property damage. Risks include, but are not limited to, broken bones, torn ligaments, bruises, and other bodily injuries as serious as death, disability or blindness, caused by contact with balls, bats, other participants, or structures like walls or fences, or caused by uneven ground; medical conditions resulting from physical activity; and damaged clothing or other property. I understand such risks simply cannot be eliminated, despite the use of safety equipment, without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.
2. I expressly accept and assume all of the risks inherent in this activity or that might have been caused by the negligence of the Releasees. My child’s participation in this activity is purely voluntary and I elect to participate despite the risks. In addition, if at any time I believe that event conditions are unsafe or that my child is unable to participate due to physical or medical conditions, then I will immediately discontinue participation.
3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action which are in any way connected with my child’s participation in this activity, or my child’s use of their equipment or facilities, arising from negligence. This release does not apply to claims arising from intentional conduct. Should Releasees or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney’s fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
4. I represent that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage my child may suffer or cause while participating in this activity, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further represent that my child has no medical or physical condition which could interfere with their safety in this activity, or else I am willing to assume – and bear the costs of – all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition.
5. In the event that I file a lawsuit, I agree to do so solely in the state where Releasees’ is located, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply.
6. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

By signing below, I agree that if my child is hurt or my property is damaged during my child’s participation in this activity, then I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being released on the basis of any claim for negligence. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any claims alleging negligence which are brought by or on behalf of minor or are in any way connected with such participation by minor. I have had sufficient time to read this entire document and, should I choose to do so, consult with legal counsel prior to signing. Also, I understand that this activity might not be made available to me or that the cost to engage in this activity would be significantly greater if I were to choose not to sign this release, and agree that the opportunity to participate at the stated cost in return for the execution of this release is a reasonable bargain. **I have read and understood this document and I agree to be bound by its terms.**

PHOTO, VIDEO & SOCIAL MEDIA CONSENT

Knights Youth Sports Organization may photograph or record athletes during games, practices, tournaments, ceremonies, and organization events for use on the Knights website, social media pages, promotional materials, newsletters, or other organization communications.

☐ **YES**, I give permission for my child's photograph/video to be used. ☐ **NO**, I do not give permission.

The organization will make reasonable efforts to honor a family's selection.

FACILITY & SPECTATOR CONDUCT

Parents, athletes, and guests are expected to follow all rules established by the Knights organization and the facilities in which our teams practice or compete. Unsportsmanlike, threatening, abusive, destructive, or disruptive behavior may result in removal from the facility and/or additional action by the organization.

Parents/guardians are responsible for communicating these expectations to family members and guests attending Knights events.

VIOLATIONS OF ORGANIZATION EXPECTATIONS

Knights Youth Sports Organization reserves the right to address conduct that negatively affects athletes, teams, coaches, families, officials, facilities, or the organization. Depending on the seriousness or frequency of the conduct, action may include:

- Verbal or written warning
- Meeting with the coach and/or Knights leadership
- Removal from a practice, game, tournament, or facility
- Suspension from team activities
- Removal from the Knights Youth Sports Organization

Serious conduct may result in immediate action without prior warnings.

ANNUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT & SIGNATURES

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Knights Youth Sports Organization Annual Parent/Guardian Consent & Expectations Agreement.

I have reviewed these expectations with my child and agree to support the standards of conduct described in this packet.

I understand that this agreement applies to my child's participation in Knights Baseball, Lady Knights Softball, Knights Boys Basketball, and Lady Knights Girls Basketball and remains valid for one year from the date signed.

☐ I understand the parent/guardian expectations and 24-hour communication expectation.
☐ I understand playing time and specific positions/roles are not guaranteed.
☐ I authorize emergency medical care as described in this agreement.
☐ I acknowledge the inherent risks associated with youth sports participation and I have had sufficient time to read and understand the release contained herein.
☐ I have made my photo/video consent selection on Page 3.

Athlete Name	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Parent/Guardian Signature	
Date Signed	
Athlete Signature	_____
Agreement Expiration Date	_____

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