

**BURKE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
YOUTH SPORTS CONTRACT**

Community / Booster Club Name: _____

Player Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone1: _____ Phone2: _____ Phone 3: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

School which you currently attend: _____ Grade: _____

Have you played on a travel team in the past 12 months? Yes / No Have you played on a middle or high school team in the past 12 months? Yes / No

The above named child agrees to play (circle one) **Basketball / Football / Indoor Soccer / Outdoor Soccer / Baseball / Softball / Cheerleading** with the above named Community / Booster Club.

I / We will, upon my / our honor, live up to the aims and ideals of good sportsmanship. I / We promise to obey the rules and regulations of the league. My / Our failure to do so will automatically suspend me / us from further competition. I / We understand that signing this contract means I (child) will stay with this team for the entire season — **no exceptions.**

I / We understand that no liability is accepted by the Burke County Parks and Recreation Department or the above named Community / Booster Club or any sponsoring agent, staff person, or volunteer connected with the above mentioned activity. I / We further understand that accident, injury, liability, and hospitalization insurance is not provided for players, coaches, fans, participants, or officials for programs/activities sponsored or co-sponsored by the department. Insurance coverage may be available on an individual basis through your community group, sponsor, or school. Contact your community coordinator for more details.

DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY

- I. **Our Philosophy:** The purpose of all youth leagues is teaching fundamentals, good sportsmanship, and allowing kids to have fun through athletic competition.
- II. The Burke County Department of Recreation and Parks and the above named Community / Booster Club, programs, and activities are open to everyone, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, handicap or sex. Programs are designed to give residents in the area an opportunity to participate in organized and supervised programs.
- III. Coaches are all volunteers who give their time to help with the programs. We have some volunteers who are with us year after year. The majorities of our coaches are parents of the players, and change from year to year. We rely on you as parents to step forward when asked to assist in any way you can in order to help make the program a success.
- IV. While physical are not required to participate in County programs and activities, it is recommended that parents take all necessary precautions to ensure their children are physically able to participate.
- V. **Insurance/Liability:** The Burke County Department of Recreation and Parks nor the above named Community / Booster Club does not provide accident, injury, or hospitalization insurance for officials, participants, coaches, or fans participating in or viewing practices, games, tournaments or travel to and from these events. Please consider your own health, experience, and tolerance for risk before participating in any of the programs and activities offered by our department.
- VI. Insurance coverage for participation in programs and activities offered by the Burke County Department of Recreation and Parks is not required, but is strongly recommended.
- VII. Insurance coverage may be available through your youth club, group, or organization. Contact your community coordinator for more details about insurance coverage.
- VIII. As a parent or legal guardian of the above mentioned player; I hereby give my consent for his/hers practice and play in athletic events. I also grant permission for treatment deemed necessary for a condition arising during the participation in these events. Including medical or surgical treatment recommended by a medical doctor. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me prior to treatment. He/She is adequately covered by accidental insurance. The Burke County Department of Recreation and Parks and the above named Community / Booster Club will not assume responsibility for any claim due to injury incurred by the participant before, during and after practice and play in athletic events.

I / We have had an opportunity to read the rules and regulations governing the above mentioned sport as set forth by the Burke County Recreation Commission. I/we hereby consent for my youth to participate in the above mentioned program. I/we further understand that this is a contact sport my/our child is participating in.

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Child / Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENTS' CODE OF ETHICS

I HEREBY PLEDGE TO PROVIDE POSITIVE SUPPORT, CARE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR MY CHILD PARTICIPATING IN THE BURKE COUNTY YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM BY FOLLOWING THIS CODE OF ETHICS.

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at all youth sports events.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for children and not for adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child and all children involved.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience within my personal constraints by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach agrees to the Youth Sports Coaches Code of Ethics.
- I will read the Burke County Youth Sports By-laws and do everything in my power to assist all sports organizations to implement and enforce them.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES WILL BE ACCESSED AGAINST FANS, COACHES, SPECTATORS, PLAYERS, LEAGUE OFFICIALS, AND PARENTS WHO VIOLATE THE BURKE COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE RULES.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ THESE BY-LAWS AND ABIDE BY THEM.