



## PLAY SAFE 2DAY

### Positive Team Advocate Pledge

TELL THEM HOW MUCH WE ALL LOVE WATCHING THEM PLAY!

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This pledge represents a commitment to your team. Each coach should initial and sign the pledge, then distribute two copies (to athlete/parent(s) or guardian). Discuss and have both copies signed at a team meeting. After signing the coach retains one copy and the other copy is given to athlete/parent(s) or guardian.

**NAME OF TEAM:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME OF ATHLETE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

We hereby jointly pledge to conduct ourselves in a civil manner and not engage in negative, harmful, abusive behaviors. Together, we agree to strive to contribute to positive, safe experiences for all - including opposing teams participating athletes, coaches, parents and officials.

*Initial Boxes*

**Coaches:**

- We commit to our team (parents and players) and organization to treat our athletes as people first and foremost.
- We will continuously strive to improve our knowledge of our sport and impart that knowledge on our athletes.
- The coaching staff will be held accountable for the same standard of good conduct as our parents, athletes and fans. We will make our very best effort to conduct regular, well organized practices and extend to each athlete an opportunity to earn fair playing time.

**Athlete:**

- I will give my best effort to learn my sport, play and develop my skills to the best of my ability.
- I will support my teammates and respect my coaches, parents, officials, other teams and attendees.
- I will refrain from making negative social media posts and/or negative online exchanges – as well as to advise and discourage family members, friends, and guests to do the same.
- I promise not to engage in substance abuse and will strive to conduct myself to a high moral standard.

**Parent(s) or Guardian(s):** (If Athlete is under 18 years of age):

- I/we agree not to, uninvited, instruct my athlete's, or other participating athletes' performance.
- I/we agree to strive to ensure that relatives (including grandparents) and/or other guests in attendance are made aware of our team's code of civil conduct.
- I/we will not verbally engage in any "on the fence", "from the stands" or "sideline" coaching and/or harassment, of other event participants on or off the playing field/court/rink.
- I/we will strive to be supportive and not overly critical or verbally abusive of my child's performance.
- I agree that disagreements/conflicts will be conducted privately and civilly — away from public attention.

**Signature(s):**

Coaches

Athlete

Parent(s) or Guardian