**STRICTLY BUSINESS BALLERS PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FORM / CODE OF CONDUCT**

I, the parent or guardian of an SBB player, agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports, however, once they have started something, I will steadfastly support the team, and insure my child finishes the season and finishes what he/she starts. I will not allow my child to quit the team once I/they have committed to playing.

2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the kids, not adults.

3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.

4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.

5.I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.

6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent, including but not limited to: booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; having negative comments about players, team and coach loud enough to be heard in public; or using profane language or gestures.

7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.

8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

10. I will teach my child that doing one’s best is just as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance. However, I do expect the team and the coaches to make every effort to win the game.

11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard.

12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.

13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over just the outcome of a game.

14. I will promote the emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.

15. I will respect the coaches and officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the gym, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place in private. I recognize coaches are volunteers and that officials are either volunteers or are paid in a limited manner. I also recognize that any perceived unfairness by a coach or official is an opportunity for my child to learn a lesson either way, and should be viewed as an opportunity to learn about patience, discipline, character, and rising above challenges.

16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.

17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the coaches of the team. This does not mean a parent does not have equal or a greater amount of knowledge which could be conveyed to a child that is more than the coach. If the parent has coached, then they should have the wisdom to recognize that the chemistry and cohesiveness of the team, the unit, is a shared experience and that each player and coach is filling a role with one another. Intruding in that process can cause great harm to the kids in how they relate to adults, their teammates, and how they learn to respect authority – all character traits which have greater import than the physical skill to win a particular game on that particular day.

18. If an issue between myself and coach cannot be resolved in private, and I violate the terms of not finishing what I have started as found in section 1 above, I will do so in a manner that is private and does not harm the spirit or the relationships of the remaining coaches or players, knowing that would only present a negative image of myself and my family by doing otherwise.

19. I recognize that playing time is earned, and that the Coach is the only judge as to what has and has not been earned. Each coach will endeavor to play each player at some point in a game. **However, the parent's investment of money and time is satisfied through the experience of being part of a team, the practice time, and the individual instruction, not whether they receive equal playing time with other players.**

20. All team matters are decided by the coach, or the program director. Those decisions when made are final.

By signature below, I agree to the terms as set forth in this document.

Signature of Parent or Guardian\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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