

# 2022-2023 SIFA ATHLETICS PARENT & PLAYER CONTRACT



## **PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

SIFA Athletics is committed to all of its players exercising good sportsmanship at all times. Our program philosophy is that our athletes should represent themselves, their family, their team and our organization in a positive and respectful manner. In order to represent our athlete's commitment, we have developed the following Code of Conduct for our players:

- 1) I will adhere to the rules and policies of SIFA Athletics outlined
- 2) I will adhere to the rules and policies set forth by my team that may be in addition to the rules and policies of the program.
- 3) I will focus on developing not only on the court, but off the court as well. This includes building character, maintaining high academic standards, and developing leadership skills through the chosen sport (Basketball, Cross Country, Rugby, Soccer, Volleyball).
- 4) I will not transport, possess, or drink any alcohol nor take illegal drugs of any kind; (if I am found to be using illegal drugs and/or drinking alcohol, I will be terminated immediately from the program).
- 5) I will make it my personal responsibility to make good decisions and not participate in activities that present higher risk to contract a virus or potentially spread it to others.
- 6) I will follow all rules and policies of the host facility when at tournaments, hotels or other functions related to participating in SIFA Athletics/IIAG related events.

## **ON THE COURT**

- 1) I will respect the game of (Basketball, Cross Country, Rugby, Soccer, Volleyball) and give it my all during practice and games.
- 2) I will accept responsibility and be accountable for my effort, focus and commitment to the game, my team and myself.
- 3) I will demonstrate sportsmanship and fair play at all times. I will set an example in the way in which I conduct myself on the court. I understand those actions, good or bad, have a long lasting effect on everyone around me.
- 4) I will treat the coaching staff respectfully at all times. This includes not only my own coach, but any member of the coaching staff that takes the time to offer instruction throughout the season.
- 5) I will value the instruction of my coaches. Whether I think my coach is the best, the worst or somewhere in between, my job is to listen to my coaches, follow instruction, make changes and trust that they are looking out for my best interests.
- 6) I will be respectful, supportive and courteous to my teammates.
- 7) I will appreciate my teammates.

Every player on my team has certain strengths and weaknesses. I will be patient with my teammates as they improve their games — just as they will be patient with me as I work on my game. (Basketball, Cross Country, Rugby, Soccer, Volleyball) is a team sport. Success can only come when the entire team works and plays well together both on and off the court.

- 8) If I have a problem with a teammate, I will accept the responsibility to work it out with them. If I am unable or uncomfortable, I will talk to the coaching staff to attempt to solve the problem.
- 9) I will put my teammates first at all times. I understand that I am not bigger than the team no matter what my role may be. I understand that if I do not, my playing time will be affected.
- 10) I understand that poor conduct such as foul language, physical or verbal intimidation of any individual, fighting with other teams/players, and vocal outbursts are not permitted.

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- 11) I understand that a red card issued to me for poor sportsmanship will immediately cause my removal from the court for the remainder of the tournament. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.
- 12) I will never question an official or express my feelings at a call. Officials are part of the game. I will never talk back or show up as an official. This includes players that are performing officiating duties such as line judge or scorekeeping at an event.
- 13) I will take time to learn the rules of the game. I understand that in order to master the sport, I must understand the rules that we play by.
- 14) I will communicate. I will ask questions. I will express myself. I understand that in order to be successful I have to understand how to succeed. In order to do that I must communicate with my coaches and teammates.
- 15) I will accept feedback. I understand that all feedback and/or criticism of my game is designed to help me grow as a player.
- 16) I will have a growth mindset. I will see each practice as an opportunity to grow, and have the heart of someone who loves to learn.

### **OFF THE COURT**

- 1) I will not exhibit conduct which is inappropriate as determined by comparison to normally accepted behavior.
- 2) I will be respectful in public and display good character as a representative of SIFA Athletics.
- 3) I will be responsible when using the internet and will not submit any negative information regarding my teammates, team or SIFA while using social networks or communicating via email. I will not post inappropriate comments, pictures or other content that would otherwise break any of the rules or policies set forth in this handbook/Code of Conduct.
- 4) I will accept the responsibility to manage my time in order to participate at SIFA while maintaining balance and high standards with academics and family.

\_Player Name \_\_\_\_\_ Player Signature

### **PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

As with our players, parents also represent SIFA Athletics. We expect parents to act with a higher set of standards than we expect from our players. Parents are the role models. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our program.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game, match, tournament, practice or SIFA Athletics/IIAG sponsored event will be asked to leave the venue. Repeat violations may cause the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all events or removal of the athlete from our program.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Good Citizenship

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The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these six pillars of character.

I therefore agree:

- 1) I will not force my child to participate in any SIFA Athletics Sport.
- 2) I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the players, not adults. 3) I will inform the coach of any physical or mental 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 SIFA
- 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 such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- 7) I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- 8) I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence (verbal or physical).
- 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 more important than winning; so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- 11) I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- 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 winning. I will also de-emphasize matches and competition in the lower age groups.
- 14) I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- 15) I will respect the officials and their authority during matches and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at a tournament, and will follow the communication protocol
- 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 official coaches of the team.

By signing this agreement, I am signing on behalf of both parents/guardians of our athlete.

\_\_\_\_\_ Player Name  
\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name  
\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature

PLEASE INITIAL AT EACH CORRECT SPOT. BY INITIALING YOU ARE AGREEING THAT YOU COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO EACH STATEMENT. **\*\*PLEASE READ EVERYTHING BEFORE INITIALING AND SIGNING\*\***

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that we need to turn in the Waiver/ Medical Release, Current Sports Physical, Parent/Player Contract, and any IAG parent consent forms needed. I understand that if I do not meet the obligations defined above my athlete will not be able to participate in any SIFA Athletics sport team practice, tournaments or any SIFA Athletics/IAG events.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that I have read and discussed with my student athlete the Player Code of Conduct. I understand and agree to have my student-athlete abide by all of the standards outlined in the Player Code of Conduct.

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Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that I have read and discussed with my student-athlete the Parent Code of Conduct. I understand and agree to abide by all of the standards outlined in the Parent Code of Conduct.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that playing time is not guaranteed and must be earned with commitment and production. I understand that SIFA Athletics fully expects that each student-athlete understands their playing time situation and is communicated to clearly by their coach.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that SIFA Athletic Coaches has full discretion on placement of players onto teams and that when more than one team is formed in an age group, placement will not take place until an evaluation process is completed the first several weeks of the season. I understand that SIFA Athletic Coaches also has full discretion on moving players up or down from one team to the other throughout the season.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that SIFA Athletic Coaches can relocate, replace or dismiss a player if a player does not follow the Player Code of Conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, meeting the coaches or directors' expectations in attendance, commitment and/or production.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that communications with the team will be done through email/web site or other announced platforms. It is the parent's responsibility to check email/web site on a regular basis. Handouts will NOT be used as a primary form of communication. Documents will be released in the Forms section of the website and can be downloaded and printed.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all tournaments held outside of the SIFA Athletic program are out of SIFA Athletics control. This includes tournament schedules, gym locations, and cancellation of the tournament. Tournament schedules, gym locations and cancellations will be communicated to all parents as soon as possible. In the event that the league/tournament provides a refund back to the team, this refund will be used to enter another event and will not be refunded to my account.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received, read and discussed with my son/daughter the information in the Player/Parent Handbook. I understand all of the policies as outlined in the handbook and agree to abide by the rules of the organization. A player may not begin his/her season with SIFA Athletics until all required forms are signed and submitted to the SIFA Administrative Staff. The forms include: Player/Parent Contract, Sports Physical Waiver and Medical Release, any IAG Forms, Player Code of Conduct, and Parent Code of Conduct.

\_\_\_\_\_ Player Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature

### **WEBSITE/INFORMATION RELEASE AGREEMENT**

We like to post photos of teams and training classes on our website, social media outlets and newsletters. We also issue press releases throughout the year to local media outlets. By signing below, you give SIFA Athletics the right to post information about your athlete.

\_\_\_\_\_ Player Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature

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## **TEAM PARENT PROGRAM**

The SIFA Athletics "Team Mom" or "Team Dad" will be a volunteer position for each SIFA Athletic team.

Some of the roles and responsibilities could be:

- Coordinating travel/carpooling for parents and players to events.
- Passing along information to team parents from the coaches during events.
- Taking photos/videos during events.
- Coordinating team dinners/snack schedules for team events and 8th-Grade Night and/or End of Season team events.
- Helping with fundraising events.
- Serve as additional chaperone at team events.

***\*Please notify the current Sport SIFA Athletic Coach if you are interested in being Team Parent.***