

# The Clarksburg Sports Association Athlete Contract

Youth participate in sport for a variety of reasons and have many expectations. Whether it's to attain a personal goal, a higher level of competition or simply for the pure joy of sport, parents and coaches hold the key in athletes' choices to participate.

Athletes have the right to:

- ✓ have fun through sport;
- ✓ participate at a level that is consistent with ability;
- ✓ have qualified, sensitive leadership;
- ✓ participate in a safe and healthy environment;
- ✓ share in the leadership and decision-making of their sport;
- ✓ as a child, play as children and as an adult, play at the appropriate competition level;
- ✓ have the opportunity to participate in sport regardless of ability or income level;
- ✓ proper preparation for participation in the sport;
- ✓ an equal opportunity to strive for success;
- ✓ be treated with dignity by all involved;
- ✓ say 'No'.

Many sport and recreation activity programs have developed measures to ensure the sport and recreation environment is a healthy and respectful one. One of these is the Athlete Contract, a simple agreement that is increasing in popularity in many sports organizations and recreation activities.

The Athlete Contract lays out the acceptable rules of behavior of a youth participant. Clarksburg Sports Association will be distributing this Athlete Contract at the beginning of each season.

By agreeing to this code of conduct, athletes are acknowledging that their behavior and character will directly affect those around them. It is the expectation of Clarksburg Sports Association that each athlete lives by the contract and models it for others. Should an athlete deliberately ignore their responsibilities as outlined in the agreement, disciplinary action, such as asking the athlete to leave the event or banning the athlete from attending future games, may be imposed.

- ✓ I will play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- ✓ I will control my temper- fighting and "mouthing off" can spoil the activity for everybody.
- ✓ I will respect my opponents and acknowledge their efforts

- ✓ I will do my best to be a true team player.
- ✓ I will do my best in school to complete all my assignments and to maintain good grades.
- ✓ I will remember that winning isn't everything - that having fun, improving skills, developing relationships and doing my best are most important.
- ✓ I will acknowledge all good plays/performances - those of my team and of my opponents.
- ✓ I will participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
- ✓ I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

I agree to Play Fair. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of athlete)