**Brentwood Recreation Code of Conduct Contract**

**Junior Sports Players**

 Follow and play by the rules.

 Never argue with a sports official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager positively approach the official.

 Control your temper at all times. Verbal abuse of officials and verbalizing other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable behaviors in any sport.

 Work hard for yourself and your team.

 Be a good sport. Applaud all skillful plays whether they are made by your team or the competitors.

 Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated.

 Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents.

 Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents, coaches and teachers.

**Parents**

 Always remember that kids participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.

 Encourage kids to participate, do not force them.

 Be positive on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.

 Always encourage kids to play according to the rules following the code of conduct.

 Never make negative comments to a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.

 Remember that kids learn best by watching great role models.

 Reinforce the stance on removing verbal and physical abuse from kids sports games.

 Always respect the officials decisions and teach kids to do likewise.

 Always show appreciation for volunteer sports coaches, officials and club administrators.

 Respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

**Coaches**

 Always remember that kids participate for pleasure, enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun.

 Never use negative ridicule or yell at children for making a mistake or not winning.

 Be considerate and reasonable in your demands on kids time, energy and enthusiasm. Kids sports is only one part of their busy lives.

 Always operate within the code of conduct, rules and fair spirit of your sport and instruct the kids to do the same.

 Always ensure that the time kids spend with you as coach is a positive experience. All kids are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.

 Try to avoid overplaying the talented more skillful kids.

 Ensure that sporting equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.

 Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved within the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and other spectators. Encourage players to do the same, be a great role model.

 Always show concern toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a trained medical trainer when determining whether an injured child is ready to recommence training and competition.

 Where appropriate obtain qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the latest principles of growth and development of children.

 Any physical contact with a child should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development or medical care.

 Respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

**Player and Spectator Conduct:** Un-sportsmanlike, unruly, destructive or malicious behavior to persons or property will result in the following to the offender:

 1st offense – 2 game suspension (not allowed in gym – basketball season)

 2nd offense –removed from the gym/team for the season

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