

Waiver of Liability

My child will be participating in the following sport or activity

In consideration of being allowed to use the facilities of the United States Air Force, being aware of the potential risks and possible hazards involved by participating in athletics and using those facilities, I hereby agree on behalf of my minor child, to assume full responsibility for my minor child's safety and the indemnify, save, and hold harmless the defend the government of the United States and all its employees , volunteers, agents, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, debts, and attorney fees arising out of , claimed on account of , or in any manner predicted on loss or damage to the property of injuries to, or death of any persons whatsoever, which may occur resulting from my minor child's presence within the limits of related sports gymnasium or fields, in connection with participation in the above mentioned sport or activity. Such agreement includes, but is not limited to, and agreement that anyone who attempts to claim or sue, whether for accident, negligence, whether simple, wanton, willful, reckless, intentional, or gross, however designated, shall pay all attorney's fees, costs and expenses including discovery cost , of all opponents whether named or not. Each person enters Vandenberg AFB, the installation's gyms, athletic fields, and parking lots entirely at his/her own risk. This agreement is affective upon signing.

Print Child Name _____

Print Parent Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Players Code of Ethics Rights and Responsibilities

- ☐ Players have the right to have a equal opportunity to strive for success.
- ☐ Players have the right to be treated with dignity.
- ☐ Players have the right to participate in a healthy and safe environment.
- ☐ Players have the right to have share in the leadership and decision-making of the sport.
- ☐ Players have the right to have qualified adult leadership.
- ☐ Players have the right to participate at any level commensurate with each child's maturity and ability.
- ☐ Players have the right to have sports be a safe experience, free from abuse and violence.
- ☐ Players have the right to have fun learning, trying new things and being able to practice and play.
- ☐ Players have the right to participate in a variety of sports opportunities.
- ☐ Players have the responsibility to learn and follow rules.
- ☐ Players have the responsibility to tell parents (or other trusted adults) about any abuse .
- ☐ Players have the responsibility to try their hardest and be our best.
- ☐ Players have the responsibility to learn the values of teamwork – helping and supporting one another.
- ☐ Players have the responsibility to learn ways to deal with pressure or frustration.
- ☐ Players have the responsibility to care about what happens to others.
- ☐ Players have the responsibility to settle conflicts without saying or doing things that hurt others.
- ☐ Players have the responsibility to treat coaches and officials with respect.
- ☐ Players have the responsibility to treat other as you want to be treated.
- ☐ Players have the responsibility to be a good sport (how you talk to others and how you behave).
- ☐ Players have the responsibility to let your parents and coaches know what you need to succeed in the sport your playing.

I have read and understand my rights and responsibility as a participant of the VAFB Youth Sports Program.

Name _____

Date _____

Parent Code of Ethics Rights and Responsibilities

- ☐ To create a safe and fun sports environment.
- ☐ To bring forth valid complaints and concerns.
- ☐ To educate your child about abuse.
- ☐ To help each child find the right sport and programs for his/her needs.
- ☐ To assess the philosophy of the coach and the organization.
- ☐ To provide each child with the physical and emotional nurturing and guidance they need to have.
- ☐ To be an advocate for each of your children.
- ☐ To support sons and daughters equally as athletes.
- ☐ To understand that all children are gifted but not in equal ways.
- ☐ To support the individual needs and interests of the child.
- ☐ To provide unconditional love and support, not based on performance.
- ☐ To pay attention to see if your children are having fun and learning as opposed to just winning.
- ☐ To be a good spectator.
- ☐ To behave in a non-abusive manner as a fan.
- ☐ To address other fans if they are behaving abusively or inappropriately.
- ☐ To let someone in a position of authority know about abusive and inappropriate behaviors.
- ☐ To adhere to drug, alcohol, and tobacco free standards at all youth sporting events.

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Signature _____

Name _____

Date _____

Vandenberg Air Force Base Youth Sports Program Parents Orientation Brochure

Reference AFM 34-804, AFI 34-249 and NAYS.org

Youth Program Mission –To inspire and enable all young people, especially those affiliated with Vandenberg AFB, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. We accomplish this through offering programs and activities led by caring and knowledgeable staff to meet the individual needs of youth.

Philosophy – the VAFB Sports Program is a carefully designed recreation program with the primary focus on fun, participation, recreation, and education of team sports. This program may not meet the needs of every patron or those who focus on competition and winning at all costs. Please consider this carefully before registering. The experience of a youth sports program can make an everlasting impression on your child's life.

Prohibited Substances –

- ☐ Smoking or the use of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited by coaches, parents, spectators and youth on or around any youth facility.
- ☐ All coaches, parents and players are required to read, understand, and sign their appropriate Code of Ethics. All who are involved in Vandenberg Youth Sports Program Will adhere to their code.
- ☐ All coaches, head and assistants need to consent to a background check they will be trained in CPR (or present Self-Aide Buddy Care certification card) and certified by the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS).

Eligibility – Children of Active Duty personnel, Civil Service employees, Retirees, or any other DOD employed on Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Age Requirement – All children must be 5 years old prior to the start of the practice (AFM 34-804) 12.2.2

Registration - all fees must be paid in full by close of the registration period for the current sports season. Youth will receive a discount if you are a youth center member. A copy of current sports physical must be presented at registration. This is a physical that has been done in the last 12 months and does not expire during the season. If you miss the registration deadline your name will be placed on a waiting list and you will be called only if space is available. Late Registrations are not guaranteed placement on a team or availability of a uniform before the start of the season.

Fees include the following – Baseball: Jersey and Hat, **Soccer:** Jersey, shorts, **Basketball:** Jersey and shorts, **Track:** Jersey and Shorts. Each team in the program will receive a sportsmanship medal which will be given to a player by the coach at the end of the season. Parents will be required to purchase some additional equipment for each sport, please see current registration forms for more information.

Financial Need Scholarship – the Vandenberg Spouses club offers sports scholarships for those in need of assistance. Please fill out at the start of registration so you can receive funds in a timely manner.

Refunds – All fees are non-refundable at the close of registration.

Child Abuse – The department of Defense recognizes the fact that child abuse is a concern for all parents. Any evidence of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse and/or neglect will be noted and immediately reported to the Family Advocacy Office in accordance with AFI 34-249, youth Programs. In an effort to serve patrons of military child care programs, a National Child Abuse Hotline has been created. The number is 1-877-790-1197, or you may call the Vandenberg Family Advocacy Office at 606-6538. Required training for all coaches consists of child abuse identification and prevention as well as appropriate touching techniques. This training is updated annually. One of the most common types of child abuse in youth sports is emotional abuse. Emotional abuse takes place when demands are placed upon a child that are out of that child's reach and this affects their self concept and self esteem. Emotional abuse can result in a youngster being chronically unhappy with life because they could never quite live up to adult expectations. Expectations for them to win every game, to score the most points, to be the best player on the team, to play without errors, are expectations that no one can achieve.

Guidance – Inappropriate behavior by players, coaches, parents and administrators will not be tolerated during any youth sporting event. Unsportsmanlike conduct, cursing, vulgarity and obscene gestures are not allowed on the part of any individual. Alcoholic beverages, smoking and illegal drugs are not permitted at any involving youth. Your child can benefit greatly by participating in sports but those benefits are not guaranteed. There are the results of a cooperative effort among league administrators, coaches, parents and officials. Those results come readily when those adults put the interests of the children first and leave their egos and desires about winning on the bench. Through sports your child can achieve appreciation of an active lifestyle, develop a positive self concept by mastering sports skills with other children and adults, learn about managing success and disappointment, learn about fair play and being a good sport, and learn respect for each other. The most important thing for all for kids is to "HAVE FUN"

Volunteer Coaches – Provide the added manpower to conduct the activities of the youth sports program. We encourage parents to sign up to become coaches for their own child's or other team, and receive a free sport registration for the season they are coaching. All coaches are certified through Nays (National Association for Youth Sports). In addition, coaches are trained in specific sports. All coaches must have a criminal background investigation and installation records check. Once a coach is assigned there will be no switching teams. Head coaches may not pick up an assistant coach prior to the selection of teams; Assistant coaches will be selected from the parents already on the team roster. If there are not enough coaches for all the players signed up, we will call all the parents on the teams to find a volunteer to coach the team. We cannot start the practice for your child's team until a coach has been fully trained. This is often a problem for us so please consider volunteering your time to coach. If we are unable to find a coach the last option will be to offer you a credit for the upcoming sports season.

Officials – The contractor provides the program with the necessary trained officials and scorekeepers needed to run the program.

Parents/Fans – Parental involvement is essential to the successful execution of youth sports. An advisory council is available for those who would like to be involved. The Youth program parent advisory board meets once a month, contact the youth center for the date and time for the next upcoming meeting.

Sports Registration Dates – The following are approximate dates of sports seasons please be aware that changes due occur.

Baseball: February-March

Track: March-April

Soccer: June- July

Basketball: October-November

Parent Notes:

- ☐ Sign Code of ethics
- ☐ Always make sure two adults are present when dropping off your child to practice an games
- ☐ Notify coaches of any special needs your child may have
- ☐ Arrive for practice and pick up on time. Coaches are instructed to call security forces if your children are left for more than 15mins after practice or game's end.
- ☐ Send your child with water
- ☐ Please do not bring your child to games or practices if they have signs of illness
- ☐ Please come to team photo day even if you're planning on purchasing photos so everyone will be in the team picture.
- ☐ Dog are not allowed on the sports facilities at anytime, due to many people not picking up animal droppings on the kids playing areas.
- ☐ Coaches are assigned practice times and days

Please sign and return to The Youth Center so we know you received this orientation

I have received a copy of the VAFB Youth Sports Handbook and/or have obtained a digital copy from the website and have read and understand the contents within. I agree to the outlined requirements as expected of a participant of the Youth Sports Program.

I have read the above orientation and fully understand and will comply with outlined information.

Parent/Guardian – parent name: _____ signature _____ Date _____