

## **Parent/Guardian Contract**

The Houston Select Football League (HSFL) exists to help middle school boys become godly men of character. Through the game of football, we strive to develop athletes who are spiritually strong, academically sound and athletically advanced.

In order to facilitate this mission statement we must demand that the behavior of the parents, siblings and supporters of our athletes be of the highest standards. Therefore we require that all parents/guardians of a player execute this Contract which outlines the expectations for conduct and describes the legal responsibilities of all participants.

Our goal is to provide a cohesive system of player development that includes all coaches, parents, siblings and supporters. This should help these athletes maximize their potential development as football players and as men of character.

### **Section 1**

#### **Code of Conduct**

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in the HSFL by following this Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all participants, coaches, officials and board members at any Houston Select Football League (HSFL) event.
2. I will demand an environment for my child that is drug free and alcohol free at all team and league events. I will not consume alcohol, drugs or smoke at any team or HSFL event. I will not attend any team function or game under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.
3. I will remember that the HSFL is for the athletes. I will not use the coaches as a babysitting service, and I will supervise my child in the program and any other children I bring to the field. This includes all practices, team functions and games.
4. I will instruct my child to treat other participants, coaches, board members, parents and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, religion, national origin or athletic ability.
5. I understand and agree that my player will not play in with any other tackle football team or league that has events during the HSFL season. The HSFL season is defined as the period from January 1 through the State Championship game day. I further understand that a violation of this policy may result in immediate dismissal from the league.
6. I will refrain from any vulgar, lewd or obscene language or gestures while participating in, or watching any team or league sponsored HSFL event. I understand that I am responsible for the behavior of any guest that attends a team or league function with me.
7. If I wish to direct comments or criticisms toward any parents, coaches, officials or board members I agree to do so out of the view or hearing range of the children

participating in the league. I agree to conduct myself in a calm, civilized manner when communicating with said person. I agree to correspond with said person at an appropriate time, not when they are coaching or in the middle of other activities.

8. I have read and understand the ramifications that are outlined in the State of Texas legal code regarding the legal responsibilities of participants, a copy of which has been reprinted in Section 2 below.

## Section 2

### Legal Responsibilities of Participants

#### § 22.01. ASSAULT.

(a) **A person commits an offense if the person:**

- (1) intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes bodily injury to another, including the person's spouse; (2) intentionally or knowingly threatens another with imminent bodily injury, including the person's spouse; or
- (3) **intentionally or knowingly causes physical contact with another when the person knows or should reasonably believe that the other will regard the contact as offensive or provocative.**

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(c) **An offense under Subsection (a) (1) (2) or (3) is a Class C misdemeanor, except that the offense is:**

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(2) **a Class B misdemeanor if the offense is committed by a person who is not a sports participant against a person the actor knows is a sports participant either:**

- (A) **while the participant is performing duties or responsibilities in the participant's capacity as a sports participant; or**
- (B) **in retaliation for or on account of the participant's performance of a duty or responsibility within the participant's capacity as a sports participant.**

(3) "Sports participant" means a person who participates in any official capacity with respect to an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or other organized amateur or professional athletic competition and includes an athlete, referee, umpire, linesman, coach, instructor, administrator, or staff member.

#### § 42.01. DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

(a) A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly:

- (1) **uses abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language in a public place**, and the language by its very utterance tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace; or
- (2) makes an offensive gesture or display in a public place, and the gesture or display tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace;

It is understood that execution of this contract means that my child is committed to the HSFL for the season. It is understood that violation of any part of this contract is grounds for my expulsion, and potentially my child's removal, from HSFL activities. The HSFL staff and board members have the exclusive right to enforce violations.

Name of Parent/Guardian:

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Signature:

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Date:

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Player Name and Team Name

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