



# AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE

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## **Assumption of Risks:**

Physical activity, by its very nature, carries with it certain dangers and risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the great care taken to prevent or minimize harm. SPIRE has facilities for various sport specific activities such as swimming, soccer, track and field, and performance and related activities such as strength training, running and cycling. Some of these activities involve strenuous exertions of strength using various muscle groups, some involve quick movements involving speed and change of direction, some involve sustained physical activity that places stress on the cardiovascular and nervous systems. The specific risks vary from one activity to another, but in each activity the risks range from (1) minor injuries such as cuts, bruises, muscle strains, and sprains, to (2) major injuries such as broken or fractured bones, concussions, or lost teeth, to (3) catastrophic injuries, such as heart attacks or fractures skull or those that the Participant may be exposed, or expose others, to contagious and potentially harmful or deadly disease such as influenza, common cold, chicken pox, meningitis, or measles. Participant will also be exposed to risks while traveling (such as in vans when traveling to and from competitions, social events, or the airport), exposure to large crowds (such as at a big competition or a music concert), and exposure to risks related to receipt of treatment for any physical or mental condition.

Participant and Parent/Guardian have read the previous paragraphs and (1) understand the nature of the activities at SPIRE, (2) understand the demands of those activities relative to the physical condition and skill level of Participant, and (3) appreciate the types of injuries and illnesses and risks related to treatment for any physical or medical condition which may occur as a result of activities that I participate in at SPIRE. Participant and Parent/guardian hereby assert that participation in a sport program at SPIRE and use of their facilities and services is voluntary and that Participant and Parent/guardian knowingly assume all related risks.

## **Acknowledgment of Rules and Standards of Conduct:**

I understand that SPIRE has rules and standards of conduct that are set forth in SPIRE Student Handbook. I agree to abide by these rules and standards for the safety of all participants, staff, guests and employees.

## **Acknowledgment of Understanding:**

Participant and Parent/Guardian have read this agreement to participate and fully understand in terms. Participant and Parent/Guardian acknowledge freely and voluntarily signing the agreement to participate and intend the signatures to signify a complete assumption of the inherent risks of participating in or observing activities at SPIRE to the greatest extent allowed by law in the State of Ohio.

In signing this assumption of risk agreement as Parent/Guardian, I acknowledge that I am consenting to the participant's participation at SPIRE (as specified in paragraph one) and acknowledge that Participant and Parent/Guardian expressly assume all inherent risks of the activity.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_