

**INFORMED CONSENT / RELEASE**

I understand and acknowledge that baseball and softball are physical activities requiring physical exertion that are hazardous, and involve the risk of injury, including but not limited to cuts, abrasions, bruises, injury to bones, muscles, and ligaments, concussions and other head injuries, respiratory ailments, cardiac events, and death. Engaging in baseball and softball activities includes the risk of physical contact and collisions between players, being struck by balls thrown or hit, and being struck by bats or other equipment. I also understand that participation in baseball and softball activities is impacted by weather, including heat, cold, precipitation, and other weather phenomenon that may increase the risks of injury.

I understand and acknowledge that in addition to the risk of physical contact with other players, players will be in close physical proximity with each other, umpires, game officials, coaches, program volunteers and other persons, whether on the field, in the dugout, or off the field; and, players may also handle shared equipment including, balls, bats, helmets, gloves, bags, and other equipment. While precautions may be implemented to reduce physical proximity between players and others, and with respect to handling equipment, I understand that there is no way to guarantee that players or other participants will not come into contact with bacteria or viruses, including COVID-19. I understand that coaches and volunteers will make reasonable efforts to maintain appropriate distancing between players when not on the field or engaged in team activities, but that such efforts may not always be practicable or effective due to the physical environment, or the age, maturity, or attention of the players.

I state that to the best of my knowledge and belief, my player is physically fit and free from injury or illness, and is able to engage in baseball or softball activities. I agree that I have had the opportunity to discuss with my player's doctor or other medical professionals the risks associated with participation in baseball or softball, including the risk of exposure to and transmission of COVID-19 and other bacteria or viruses. I have also had the opportunity to consult resources and information from the Center for Disease Control, the Illinois Department of Public Health, local departments of public health, and other federal, state, and private agencies responsible for public health issues and risks associated with viruses, including COVID-19.

I agree that my player will not participate in any baseball or softball activities or other team activities if s/he is injured or ill, and may be removed from such activities if it is determined in the discretion of game officials or coaches that s/he is exhibiting signs of injury or illness. Having read the above notice, I freely and voluntarily grant permission for my player to participate in [Organization] baseball and softball activities and other team activities, and to assume all risk for such participation. In the event that I change my mind, it will be my responsibility to withhold my player from participation and to notify the team's coach.

I further agree on my behalf and on behalf of my player, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to waive and release, and to hold harmless [Organization] from all claims for injuries, death, or illness sustained by my player arising from her/his participation in baseball or softball activities and team activities, including travel to and from such activities, and not to file any suit, claim, or other action in any court or administrative tribunal asserting liability against [Organization], or any of its board members, employees, coaches, volunteers, or participants.

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Player: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_