



**INFORMED CONSENT, WAIVER/RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK  
FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19**

I desire to coach a sport sponsored by the South Carolina High School League for Beaufort County School District (the “District”) and I understand and agree as follows regarding risks associated with COVID 19 pandemic:

1. I understand that the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”), has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is considered to be highly contagious and can result in a range of symptoms which include, but are not limited to fever, shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of taste or smell, and nausea or vomiting. These symptoms can be mild or severe, sometimes resulting in death. COVID-19 is particularly dangerous for anyone with underlying health conditions or the elderly. For additional information on COVID-19, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. I acknowledge that COVID-19 is primarily spread by person-to-person contact through respiratory droplets. These droplets can be released into the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, sneezes or talks. The droplets can be inhaled by another person, land in their nose or mouth, or land on a surface that is later touched by another person. A person does not have to be showing signs of illness in order to spread this virus. I understand that the risk of person-to-person spread of the virus is increased by close physical contact, rapid breathing, and the release of bodily fluid (sweat, spit, vomit, or other bodily fluid). I acknowledge that participation in sporting events and athletic training can result in the above listed actions and could increase the risk of transmitting COVID-19. I agree that I will not participate as a coach if I experience any COVID-19 symptoms;

2. I acknowledge that the District has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the District cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending and/or participating in any school-related activity within the District’s schools could increase your risk and your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19;

3. I affirm that I have not been diagnosed with, demonstrated any symptoms of and to my knowledge have not been exposed to any communicable diseases (including but not limited to the virus commonly referred to as COVID-19) within the past thirty days;

4. I acknowledge that I am aware that by entering the premises and participating in practices, training and events that there are risks to me and to those with whom I interact of exposure, directly or indirectly, to communicable disease(s) including but not limited to the virus commonly referred to as COVID-19, and/or any mutation or variation thereof;

5. I understand that the District will make reasonable efforts to comply with guidelines of South Carolina Department of Education, South Carolina High School League, Centers for Disease Control, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. However, the District cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to COVID 19, or guarantee that the facilities and athletic activities will be free of COVID 19; that faculty, staff, and volunteers will be or will remain free of infection; or that infected and contagious students or their families will not be present on the premises or participating in the activity. Accordingly, the District cannot and does not warrant, guarantee, or offer assurances that individuals will not be exposed to COVID 19 while on the premises or engaged in athletic activities, or that individuals will not then expose others to COVID 19.

6. **Assumption of Risk:** I understand and acknowledge that my access and use of the premises, facilities, equipment, and participation in the activities involve inherent risks to me, and I understand the District has no control over these risks, nor the ability or duty to eliminate such risks, and even strict adherence to guidelines cannot eliminate risk. Consequently, I assume such dangers, risks, and hazards by participating in athletic activities at this time.

7. **Indemnification, Waiver, Release:** I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement. I hereby waive, release, discharge, and hold harmless the District, including its employees, Board, directors/officials, officers, agents, and volunteers from any and all liability associated with any injury, including personal injury or illness or even death, loss of income, property damage, and all losses, damages, expenses, liabilities, or claims of any nature arising out of, related to, or in any way connected to my use of the premises, facilities, and participation in the activities.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_