



Starlings' Player-Parent Contract

Player Practice-Placement

- Teams typically are formed on or about the first week of December.
- Teams are formed based on ability.
- Player ability level moves throughout teams will be rare.

Philosophy

- Starlings' basic philosophy is "Athletes First, Winning Second".
- Starlings' goals are personal development and personal enjoyment.
- Players, parents, and coaches are expected to support and reinforce our ETA (Effort, Teamwork, Attitude) values.

Parent's Responsibilities

- Support and reinforce the Club in its efforts to teach ETA.
- Only miss practice due to illness, family emergency, or school function.
- Treat everyone--- coaches, opponents, refs, directors---with respect.
 - DO NOT approach the refing team when there is a disagreement, DO NOT approach the coach during a tournament with a disagreement. (If this is necessary, calmly pull them aside to speak with them away from the athletes) Playing time conversations are forbidden during a tournament.
- Habitually give 100% effort.

Player Responsibilities

- Players must not have any fails in classes in order to practice and compete.
- Players will maintain a positive attitude with all coaches, players, opponents, and parents.
- Players will hold each other accountable and be responsible.
- Players will give 100% effort.
- Players are responsible for communicating with their coaches on absences or tardies.
 - If players consistently fail to communicate their absence or tardy, this may result in termination of the program (no refunds).
 - Players that are absent an entire week of practice before a tournament will result in a loss of playing time for the first match.
- Zero tolerance for Drama! Leave your issues off the court and out of the gym.

Coach's Responsibilities

- Be a responsible model for players to emulate.
- Treat everyone---players, parents, opponents, refs, directors---with respect.



- Communicate positively. Feedback is positive & corrective, rarely negative.
- Always be a voice for their athletes and remain positive under pressure.

Communication—Starlings’ policy stresses teaching both personal responsibility & communication skills.

- If a problem arises, the player must first approach the coach.
- If the problem persists, player & parent should meet with the coach.
- If the problem persists, player & parent will meet with the coach & club director.
- **Unless there is a safety concern, this order of events will be strictly followed.

We have read the preceding guidelines and we agree to abide by them.

Date: _____

Player Name: _____ Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____