



## RUGBY VIRGINIA YOUTH TOURNAMENT 2009

### Acknowledgement, Waiver and Release From Liability Agreement

Rugby is an impact sport, similar to football in that players use their bodies to tackle and compete for the ball. Rugby is a high-risk sport where physical contact can, and does produce injuries. **Injury risks include, but are not limited to:**

- Injuries resulting from contact with the playing surface and / other participants.
- Personal health problems, physical conditions, or other areas of concern. Including, but not limited to, insufficient health, physical condition, heart attack, muscular or any other condition noted or not recognized in the required physical examination.
- Negligence of other participants, visitors or persons who may be present.
- Heat-related illnesses, such as dehydration, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
- Connective tissue injuries to ligaments, tendons and cartilage.
- Head injuries, including concussions, abrasions, broken facial bones and teeth.
- Risk of major joint injuries to the shoulders, back and neck, knees and ankles.
- Organ damage due to physical contact with an opponent or the ground.
- Critical injuries, potentially resulting in paralysis or death.

In consideration for being allowed to participate in any manner in *the Rugby Virginia Youth Tournament* related activities and events, **the undersigned states:**

- To the best of my knowledge and belief, I am eligible under USA Rugby Guidelines (CIPP Registered) to participate in any USA Rugby Age Grade event.
- To the best of my knowledge and belief, I am eligible to participate in any USA Age Grade event and am in good standing with my local area union or state based organization.
- I specifically state that I possess medical insurance coverage of \$100,000 or more.
- I agree to abide by all rules and regulations applicable to the event/program imposed by the International Rugby Board, USA Rugby and *Rugby Virginia*.
- I am a participant in an event/program sanctioned by *Rugby Virginia* and will conduct myself in an appropriate manner.
- I am aware that I may lose my privilege to participate in any event/program of *USA Rugby and the Rugby Virginia* in the event of any violation of the above-mentioned statements.
- Agree that prior to participating they will each inspect the facilities and the equipment to be used, and if they believe anything to be unsafe, they will immediately advise their coach or *Rugby Virginia* staff member of the conditions and refuse to participate until issue has been resolved.

- Acknowledge and fully understand that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury including permanent disability, death and severe social and economical losses which might result not only from their own actions, inactions or negligence but the actions inactions or negligence of others, rules of play or the conditions of the premise or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
- I, as the parent or guardian of the player named below, assume all foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability and/or death.
- Further, I do hereby give my permission for any necessary emergency medical treatment to be administered by those licensed to do so. I also give my approval for his/her participation in all activities of *USA Rugby and Rugby Virginia* and assume all risks and hazards incidental to participation.
- I release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue *Rugby Virginia* and its administrators, sponsors, coaches and other participants and if applicable, owners and lessees of premises to conduct the event, all of which hereinafter, referred to as "releases, from demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property caused or alleged to be caused in whole or part by negligence of the release of otherwise.
- I hereby grant *Rugby Virginia*, or its assignees, permission to use my child's image for educational, promotional fundraising and general public relations purposes relating to *the Rugby Virginia Youth Tournament*.

**I, the undersigned certify as Parent or Guardian that my son/daughter as a player in the Rugby Virginia Youth Tournament have read and signed this waiver.**

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| Print Parent/Guardian Name | Sign | Title (Parent/Guardian) | Date |
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**I, the undersigned have read the above waiver and release and understand that I release liability of any injury that can occur by participating in this event or in the activities leading up to the event and I sign it voluntarily.**

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| Print Player Name | Sign | CIPP# | Date |
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