



## Team Evanston Parent Pledge

**Player's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

EACH PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST READ AND SIGN THIS PARENT PLEDGE AND RETURN IT AT THE FIRST PRACTICE. A *PLAYER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN TEAM ACTIVITIES UNTIL THEY DO SO!*

I PLEDGE TO RESPECT THE DECISIONS OF COACHES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CLUB AT ALL TIMES. I realize they have a difficult job and strive to act in the best interests of the individual players, the teams, and the Club. I acknowledge that all team placement and formation decisions are the exclusive province of the Director of Coaching. I accept that my child may be occasionally asked to play on other teams, for the good of the club as well as my child. No matter how I feel about any decision made by a coach or representative of the Club, under no circumstances will I in any way mistreat or confront a coach or representative of the Club in a verbally or physically inappropriate manner, either in person or by phone or correspondence. If a conflict arises, I will wait at least 24 hours before contacting the coach or Club representative, and I promise to act civilly at all times.

I PLEDGE TO "HONOR THE GAME." I understand the importance of setting a good example for my child. No matter what others may do, I will show respect for everyone involved in the game, including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans, and officials. I understand that officials make mistakes. If an official makes a "bad" call against my team, I will remain silent. I pledge to refrain from making negative comments about my child's coach or the officials in my child's presence, since this can negatively influence his/her motivation and overall experience.

I PLEDGE TO USE POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO MOTIVATE MY CHILD. I understand that a tiny fraction of youth sports participants receive college scholarships and that the top three reasons kids play sports are to have fun, make new friends, and learn new skills. I understand that the game is for the players, and I will keep sports in the proper perspective. I recognize the true measure is not how my child compares to others but how he/she compares to his/her best self.

I PLEDGE TO GET MY CHILD TO PRACTICES AND GAMES ON TIME. I understand that it can be disruptive, and may put him/her at risk by not providing adequate time for warm up. I will be on time to pick up my child from games and practices, to show respect for the coach and to keep my child safe. I also pledge to have my child attend all practices and games, except when it cannot be avoided.

TEAM EVANSTON VIEWS ANY VIOLATION OF THE TEAM EVANSTON PARENT PLEDGE AS A SERIOUS MATTER. I acknowledge that, by signing this Pledge, any gross violations of its provisions can be subject to sanctions by the Team Evanston Board, to be determined in the sole discretion of the Board. Such sanctions can include, among others, banishment from the sidelines of games and, in extreme circumstances, ejection of the family from the Club.

*I will honor the Team Evanston Parent Pledge in my words and actions.*

Parent / Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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