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RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

The participant must reside within the boundaries of the Pickerington Local School District to participate in PYAA, and furthermore, the participant will be subject to withdrawal with no refund if it is determined that he/she is not a resident as required. Residency requirement does not apply to the Achiever's Leagues (special needs leagues, when offered within a sport.)

REFUND POLICY

The PYAA may recognize a request to cancel a player's sport registration subject to the following:

- ALL REFUNDS WILL BE ASSESSED A $20 PROCESSING FEE (INCLUDING ANY CANCELLATIONS OF SPORTS DUE TO COVID-19)
- No refunds will be given for donations or late fees.
- Refunds for optional apparel purchases will be given at the discretion of the sport.
- Full refund (no processing fee) if a participant is accepted to school team which precludes him/her from participating in the PYAA program.
- Full refunds will be given (minus processing fee) if notification of refund is given to the PYAA office prior to the sport's first scheduled practice.
- Fifty percent (50%) of refund (minus processing fee) is given to the PYAA office AFTER the first practice and PRIOR to the start of competitive play.
- NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER START OF COMPETITIVE PLAY FOR ALL SPORTS EXCEPT FOR PYAA FOOTBALL WHICH WILL GIVE NO REFUNDS AFTER THEIR PYAA FOOTBALL DRAFT. THIS WILL INCLUDE IF THERE IS A CANCELLATION OF THE SPORTS DUE TO COVID-19
- All refunds are subject to approval by the Sport Board President or representative.
- This is a general refund policy and some sports carry a stricter refund policy and may be implemented if necessary. The processing fee will be charged regardless of sports policy.

SPORTS PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Adult and Minor Participant Waiver/Release/Assumption of Risk/Agreement
In consideration of participating in the athletics/sport programs, and/or participating in or attending related events or activities with the PYAA during the season:

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- Acknowledges and fully understands that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and that severe social and economic loss may result not only from his or her own actions, inactions, or negligence, but from the actions, inactions or negligence of others as well as the rules of play, the conditions of the premises or from any equipment used. Further, there may be other risks not known to the adult and/or minor participant including risk that may not be reasonably foreseeable.
- Assumes all of the forgoing risks and accepts personal responsibility for any injury, disability or death, and any damages, whether social or economic.
- Represents that I, or my child, am qualified, in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in activity(ies) with the PYAA and hereby authorize any representative of the PYAA or medical provider, to seek medical attention on my behalf, or on behalf of my child, to ensure my well being, or the well being of my child, without any legal liability whatsoever, inclusive of any responsibility for any negligent rescue or delayed operation.
- Releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue PYAA, its affiliated clubs, administrators, members, directors, agents, coaches and other representatives of PYAA, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and/or lessees/lessors of the premises used to conduct the event or activity in which I, or the minor participant for whom I am responsible, participate (all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releases"), from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and the next of kin, damages to property, caused or alleged to have been caused, in whole or in part, by the releases or otherwise.
- I hereby authorize PYAA to utilize in its promotional materials any photographs taken of me, or my child, while participating in any activity of the PYAA.
- I hereby authorize the PYAA to use the parental e-mail address to communicate other opportunities offered by the organization.

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT

Purpose: To enable parents or guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for their children who are injured or become ill while under the authority of PYAA (sport) in the event the parents or guardian cannot be reached.

This acknowledges that we, the undersigned, parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the participant recognize the potential hazardous nature of the sports played and that an injury may be sustained. These injuries may include, but are not limited to, personal injury or death. In the event of an injury to my child and we (I or my spouse or guardian) cannot be contacted, permission is given to a qualified and licensed physician and/or hospital to render such treatment as would be normal and agree to pay the usual charges for such treatment.

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For all PYAA volunteers: This acknowledges that you, the undersigned, who may be participating or volunteering as a coach or any other role, recognize the potentially hazardous nature of the sports played and that an injury may be sustained. These injuries may include, but are not limited to, personal injury or death. In the event of an injury to myself, and my spouse or emergency contact can not be reached, permission is given to a qualified and licensed physician and/or hospital to render such treatment as would be normal and agree to pay the usual charges for such treatment.

We (I) release the PYAA, its employees, agents, volunteers and its assigns from any personal injuries caused by or having any relation to this activity. We (I) understand that this release applies to any present or future injuries or illnesses and that it binds me and/or my child's heirs, executors and administrators.

ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT

The PYAA is committed to the physical and emotional well-being and safety of all of the children in its program, as well as to its managers, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and parents and fans attending PYAA events including games, practices and any other league sponsored and/or affiliated events.

The PYAA adheres to essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and the core principles of: respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character." Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to the respective sport, themselves, their team, Pickerington, and PYAA.

The PYAA has adopted its Adult Code of Conduct, inclusive of a Zero Tolerance Policy, which must be adhered to at ALL times, both in substance and intent, by all parents (including guardians, spectators, coaches, and officials) without exception as follows:
I agree that:

1. I will remember that children participate in sports to have fun and develop friendships and that the game is for youth, not adults;
2. I will inform the manager or coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others in a timely manner;
3. I will endeavor to learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league of the sport my child is participating in so that I can have a better and more informed perspective concerning my child's participation.
4. I (and my spouse, any relative, and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, managers, coaches, umpires, officials, any PYAA board member, parents and spectators at every game, practice, or other league sponsored and/or affiliated events. This also includes any

communication that is had before and after games, to include but not limited to personal conversation, telephone calls, and emails;

5. I (and my spouse, any relative, and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any players, managers, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators including, but not limited to, physically and/or verbally harassing, taunting, booing and otherwise in any way demeaning or insulting; refusing to shake hands; using profane or crude language and/or gestures; any other inappropriate behavior. This also includes any communication that is had before and after games, to include but not limited to personal conversation, telephone calls, and emails;
6. I (and my spouse, any relative, and my guests) will not exhibit and/or display any behaviors, language and/or other practices that would, or even potentially could, endanger the physical and/or emotional health, well-being and/or safety of any players, managers, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators. I understand that profanity, smoking (or any use of tobacco), vaping, alcohol consumption, and drug use is prohibited at the PYAA complex or at any PYAA event.
7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts in a safe and respectful manner without resorting to hostility or violence. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.
8. I will demand that my child treat other players, managers, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, religion, age, or ability;
9. I will teach my child that trying and doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance;
10. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time, just for participating;
11. I (and my spouse, any relative, and my guests)will never ridicule, yell at, berate, antagonize and/or otherwise degrade my child or any other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition;
12. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning;
13. I will deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups, and place them in the proper perspective in all other groups;
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child and/or his/her team to win;
15. I (and my spouse, any relative, and my guests) will respect the umpires and other officials and their authority during games and practices and will never question, discuss, and/or confront umpires, officials, managers and/or coaches during games, and will take the time to speak or to email in a respectful and civil manner and tone to officials, managers and/or coaches, or PYAA board member after the event. The head coach is the only person to address an official and must do so in a respectful manner.

16. I (and my spouse, any relative, and my guests) will not incite, participate in and/or otherwise condone any unsportsmanlike conduct at any time;
17. I will act as an adult and strive to set a positive role model and example for my child and other players;
18. I (and my spouse, any relative, or any guests) will not do or say anything that will cause my child to feel embarrassed, shamed, belittled or disrespected.

I also understand and acknowledge that the PYAA has adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy and agree that if I (or my spouse, any relative, or my guests) fail to abide by any of the aforementioned rules and guidelines, that said person will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Verbal warning by umpire, official, manager, coach, board member, and/or commissioner of PYAA;
- Written warning;
- Immediate ejection from games, practices and any other league sponsored and/or affiliated events;
- Parental suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by the PYAA;
- Game forfeit through umpire, official and/or manager;
- Parental season suspension;
- Any other action consistent with the By-Laws and rules and regulations of the PYAA. This Adult Code of Conduct is strictly enforceable at the sole discretion of the PYAA or its duly authorized representatives.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

By checking the box, you acknowledge that you have read the social media policy below and that you agree to adhere to the policy and also agree to be responsible for the minor children and any legal wards also adhering to this policy. You acknowledge that failing to adhere to this policy will result in consequences that may include removal of any adult or child. This includes but is not limited to PYAA board members, PYAA coaches, PYAA parents/guardians, and PYAA participants from within the Pickerington Youth Athletic Association.

PYAA recognizes the role social media. group texting, group emails and public forums of any kind including zoom calls play in modern communication, and understand the rights someone has to express themselves in those forums. However, due to the increased number of public harassments and attacks towards the Pickerington Youth Athletic Association, PYAA directors, PYAA board members. PYAA coaches, PYAA participants or their parents/guardians in these kinds of public forums, we now have a ZERO TOLERENCE social media policy. Failure to adhere to the following rules will result in consequences which could include the immediate removal of both the adult or

child from any and all PYAA events and activities, which would include sport participation. PYAA board members, coaches, and volunteers must also adhere to the following rules or they may be removed from their PYAA board positions or coaching assignments.

- Harassing, threatening, discriminating or disparaging ANY individuals through social media and public post or forums which would include but is not limited to group texting and group emails is not permitted and will not be tolerated.
- Making social media or public posts which would include group emails and group texting that are not factual, are disparaging or statements drawing critical attention to someone's actions or behavior that may cause them undue embarrassment about the Pickerington Youth Athletic Association, its board members, coaches, participants, parents, sponsors, or spectators is not permitted and will not be tolerated.
- Sharing any organization-privileged information, including copyrighted information or organization-issued documents, through social media and public forums which would include but is not limited to group texting and group emails is not permitted and will not be tolerated.
- The sharing of photographs and/or video of PYAA board members, coaches, participants or spectators without their permission through social media is not permitted and will not be tolerated.

LINDSAY'S LAW

What is Lindsay's Law? Lindsay's Law is about Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in youth athletes. Lindsay's Law, Ohio Revised Code 3313.5310, 3707.58 and 3707.59 went into effect in 2017. It covers all athletes 19 years or younger who practice for or compete in athletic activities. Activities may be organized by a school or youth sports organization.

Which youth athletic activities are included in Lindsay's law?

- Athletics at all schools in Ohio (public and non-public)
- Any athletic contest or competition sponsored by or associated with a school
- All interscholastic athletics, including all practices, interschool practices and scrimmages
- All youth sports organizations
- All cheerleading and club sports, including noncompetitive cheerleading

What is SCA? SCA is when the heart stops beating suddenly and unexpectedly. This cuts off blood flow to the brain and other vital organs. People with SCA will die if not treated immediately. SCA can be caused by 1) a structural issue with the heart, OR 2) a heart

electrical problem which controls the heartbeat, OR 3) a situation such as a person who is hit in the chest or a gets a heart infection.

What is a warning sign for SCA? If a family member died suddenly before age 50, or a family member has cardiomyopathy, long QT syndrome, Marfan syndrome or other rhythm problems of the heart.

What symptoms are a warning sign of SCA? A young athlete may have these things with exercise:

- Chest pain/discomfort
- Unexplained fainting/near fainting or dizziness
- Unexplained tiredness, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Unusually fast or racing heart beats

What happens if an athlete experiences syncope or fainting before, during or after a practice, scrimmage, or competitive play? The coach MUST remove the youth athlete from activity immediately. The youth athlete MUST be seen and cleared by a health care provider before returning to activity. This written clearance must be shared with a school or sports official.

What happens if an athlete experiences any other warning signs of SCA? The youth athlete should be seen by a health care professional.

Who can evaluate and clear youth athletes? A physician (MD or DO), a certified nurse practitioner, a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife. For school athletes, a physician's assistant or licensed athletic trainer may also clear a student. That person may refer the youth to another health care provider for further evaluation.

What is needed for the youth athlete to return to the activity? There must be clearance from the health care provider in writing. This must be given to the coach and school or sports official before return to activity.

All youth athletes and their parents/guardians must view the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) video about Sudden Cardiac Arrest, review the ODH SCA handout and then sign and return this form.
Copy and paste the link to Lindsay's Law parent/guardian handout to a new browser to view.
https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/31505704-2cb2-42e1-b820-d91973e8f2d7/Lindsays-Law-Required-Signature-Form.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CONVERT_TO=url&CACHEID=ROOTWORKSPACE.Z18_M1HGGIK0N0JO00QO9DDDDM3000-31505704-2cb2-42e1-b820-d91973e8f2d7-mtQUsM8.

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Copy and paste the link to Lindsay's Law video to a new browser for both the parent/guardian and child participant to view. This is in accordance to Ohio Law.The link to the video is:https://youtu.be/s-YfCWQPeqw

By checking the box on this waiver form, you are acknowledging that you and the participant have reviewed the Lindsay Law Video and that you as the parent/guardian have read the required handout. This will serve as the electronic signature of both the parent/guardian and the child participant. The date on registration form will be the date that is associated with this waiver.