



## ENGLEWOOD RAIDERS PARENT/ATHLETE CONTRACT

Dear Raiders Parents and Athletes:

Welcome to the Englewood Recreation Raiders family. Being on a Raiders team entails commitment and responsibility by players and parents. Now that your son/daughter has joined our team, we ask that you read this letter and indicate your agreement by player and both parents/guardians by signing this contract and returning it to the Recreation Department.

### PARENTS

- I will be supportive of our Raiders team, teammates, and coaches, not just my child.
- I will not shout instructions to my child at any time during the game or halftime and will allow my child to be coached only by the coaches.
- As a parent I acknowledge the "24 hour rule." This means that I will save all my questions, comments, and concerns for the coach or school orally, by e-mail, or otherwise, until 24 hours after conclusion of the game.
- I will not speak negatively about my son/daughter's performance or that of his teammates, or of anyone on the opposing team.
- I will encourage my son/daughter to compete while understanding that it is a game, but that the lessons to be learned involving hard work, dedication, teamwork, commitment, and leadership will have lifelong benefits. No games or performance should undermine this.
- I acknowledge that coaching decisions about playing time for my son/daughter or other players are just that, discretionary coaching decisions. The only appropriate question is: "How does my son/daughter get better?"
- I will insist that my son/daughter follow all of the rules in this player contract
- I will not consume or attend games, events, fundraisers, etc. under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

PLAYERS

- Playing ball for the Raiders is a privilege.
- I will be respectful of all players and coaches, including my teammates and the opposing team. I will never demean my teammates or coaches. I will carry myself like a winner. I will not argue with teammates, coaches and referees during games or in practices.
- I understand that I am the one person who decides how good I can be and will work hard in practices, games, and on my own to achieve my goals.
- I will listen to my coaches' instruction and directions. I will ask questions when I don't understand a new concept or instructions.
- I will never do any damage to any facility.
- I understand that my role on the team as a player and playing time is determined by the coaches only. I understand that is it not only about playing time and I will always help my team.
- I acknowledge the coaches' responsibility to maintain decorum and discipline as an important part of team management.
- I acknowledge that the coach has certain rules for the benefit of the team and that it is important to follow those rules, and that my good standing on the team depends in part on my following those coaches' rules.
- As a player I acknowledge the "24 hour rule." This means that I will save all my questions, comments, and concerns for the coach or school by e-mail or otherwise until 24 hours after conclusion of the game.

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Athlete \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

**\*Parent and player failure to agree, to sign and to abide, in addition to the general code of conduct, may result in expulsion and/or termination of play for any and all Recreation programs or activities.**