**SYSO and TOWN OF SOMERS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

As a participant in the above program, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury. I agree to assume the full risks of any injuries, damages or loss which I or my child may sustain as a result of such participation. I agree to waive and relinquish all claims and hold harmless Somers Youth Sports Organization and its Officers, the Town of Somers, the Department of Parks and Recreation and its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims.

**SYSO Parent's Code of Conduct**As a parent, you play a special role in the development of your daughter or son, and of his/her teammates. Your encouragement and good example will do more to ensure good sportsmanship and self-discipline than any other influence. The other team is the opponent, not the enemy, and should be treated with respect. While winning is important, playing well and fairly is the essence of the game

1. **Support your child:** Support your child by giving encouragement and showing interest in his/her team. Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game. Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than victory.
2. **Always be positive.** Children learn more by example than by criticism. Work to be a positive role model, and reinforce positive behavior in others. Applaud good plays by others on your child's team as well as good plays by the opposing team. Do not criticize any child or coaches performance from the sidelines. Accept the results of each game. Teach your child to be gracious in victory and to turn defeat into victory by learning and working toward improvement.
3. **Don't be a sideline coach or referee.** Refrain from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines. Parents who shout or scream from the sidelines often give inappropriate advice at the wrong time. The coach should be the only sideline voice. Remain well back from the sidelines and within the spectator area. You and your child will both enjoy the game more if you put some emotional distance between yourself and the field or play. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship - Do not openly question their judgment or honesty.
4. **Demonstrate a positive attitude toward your opponents and their families.** Opponents are not enemies. Take care to show good hospitality at home and to represent Somers Youth Sports in a positive way when visiting other clubs. Never allow yourself to be drawn into a verbal disagreement with opposing parents or coaches. No one has ever regretted letting cooler heads prevail.
5. **Remember that your child wants to have fun.** Your child is the one playing sports, not you. Children must establish their own goals - to play the game for themselves. Take care not to impose unreasonable demands on your child. Let your children experience the fun of playing as well as the challenge of excelling.

**I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:**

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
3. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
4. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
5. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. I will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol at a youth sports event and will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
8. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
9. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
10. I will encourage my child to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
11. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
12. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
13. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
14. I will have my child arrive on time for all games and practices and let the coach know in advance if my child will be absent, arriving late or leaving early.
15. I will not use or possess tobacco, e-cigarettes, alcohol, or illegal drugs on school or town property in Somers or other towns or at anytime when representing Somers Youth Football
16. I will abide by applicable rules and regulations of any facility hosting SYSO practices or games

**I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:**

1. Verbal and/or written warning issued by a league official or SYSO Representative.
2. Suspension or immediate ejection from the youth sports event
3. Suspension from multiple youth sports events.
4. Season suspension or multiple season suspension.

**Acknowledgement**I have read, understand and hereby agree to abide by and support this SYSO Parent Code of Conduct.

**Payment Policy**Registration fees may be paid in full or in up to 4 installments.

**Refund Policy**
Refunds, if provided, must be handled by Somers Youth Football directly, and would be issued by check. Refunds will not be issued unless approved by the Football Commissioner.

Please note that a $75.00 fee will be deducted from any refund.

**Covid Waiver**

**WAIVER/RELEASE FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19**

ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to participate on behalf of the Somers Youth Sports Organization athletic program  and related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that: 1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to  MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,

1. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
2. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe and any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
3. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Somers Youth Sports Organization, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and  lessors of premises used to conduct the event (“RELEASEES”), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS,  DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE  NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.**

**FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the  provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward including the risks of presence and participation and his/her  personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases.  Furthermore, my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, and  child/ward do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse,  and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident  to my minor child’s/ward’s presence or participation in these activities as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM  THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent provided by law.