

**NEWLONSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
YOUTH SPORTS MINISTRY**

**PARENT/PLAYER AGREEMENT**

The purpose of the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church (NPC) Youth Sports Ministry is to administer and enhance new, and continuing, sports programs for the youth of NPC and the surrounding community, fully recognizing that these programs are sponsored by and affiliated with NPC in an effort to extend the church's overall Mission. The programs of the NPC Youth Sports Ministry are offered without regard to a participant's religious affiliation. While beliefs may vary, the conduct of all participants (coaches, parents, and players) shall be consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ.

We value and place priority upon the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators. With this in mind, this Parent/Player Agreement is a way to ensure that, as participants in its programs, all parents and players understand the purpose and scope of the Youth Sports Ministry at NPC and the expectations held for them.

Parents:

1. Always keep in mind that this is a "church" program. Competitive play is an invitation to routinely provide a Christ-like witness. Remember, WWJD – What Would Jesus Do?
2. Know the rules, teach the rules, and obey the rules of the game and the host facility/venue.
3. Always remember this is only a game.
4. Always keep in mind that skill development and team ideals are the goal.
5. Emphasize that doing one's best is more important than winning.
6. Lead by example and demonstrate positive support and sportsman like behavior.
7. Ensure players conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity.
8. Respect the game officials and coaches and refrain from being disrespectful to others.
9. Bring your player to other church functions and programs.
10. Teach your player proper Christian behavior.
11. Remember that you represent Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church and the Christian faith.

Players:

1. Have fun!
2. Work hard to improve your skills and be a team player.
3. Respect yourself and respect other players.
4. Learn the rules (of the game and host facility/venue) play by them and be a good sport.
5. Win and lose with grace.
6. Listen to and respect your coach, referees, and parents.
7. Go to practices on time.
8. You are invited to attend other church functions and activities and to explore your faith with us.
9. Remember that as a participant in a Youth Sports Ministry program you represent Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church and are a witness of the Christian faith.

We understand and accept this Parent/Player Agreement on (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_