



LIABILITY WAIVER – RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

PARTICIPANT (ATHLETE, COACH, VOLUNTEER, ETC.) AGREEMENT

In consideration of participating in Portage Youth Football (PYFB), and for other good and valuable consideration, I hereby agree to release and discharge from liability arising from negligence the Portage Community School District, Portage Youth Football, Portage Warrior Football, & Portage Touchdown Club and its owners, directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, participants, and all other persons or entities acting for them (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Releasees"), on behalf of myself and my children, parents, heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Participants", and also agree as follows:

1. I acknowledge that football involves known and unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis or permanent disability, death, and property damage. Risks include but are not limited to broken bones and concussions, medical conditions resulting from physical activity, and damaged clothing or other property. I understand such risks simply cannot be eliminated, despite the use of safety equipment, without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.
2. The risk to have contact with individuals, who have been exposed to and/or have been diagnosed with one or more communicable diseases, including but not limited to COVID-19 or other medical conditions, diseases, or maladies does exist, and it is impossible to eliminate the risk that I could be exposed to and/or become infected through contact with or close proximity with an individual with a communicable disease. I understand that this risk still exists even with additional safety regulations, social distancing practices, personal protective equipment, frequent hand washing and disinfection of equipment and facilities, and other attempts to limit the spread of communicable diseases.
3. I expressly accept and assume all the risks inherent in this activity or that might have been caused by the negligence of the Releasees. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary and I elect to participate despite the risks. In addition, if at any time I believe that event conditions are unsafe or that I am unable to participate due to physical or medical conditions, then I will immediately discontinue participation.
4. I agree to the transportation of the Participants by the Releasees to and from PYFB events.
5. I agree to pay for all equipment issued to the Participants that is damaged during the season or not returned to the PYFB program at the conclusion of the season.
6. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity, or my use of their equipment or facilities, arising from negligence. This release does not apply to claims arising from intentional conduct. Should Releasees or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
7. I represent that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may suffer or cause while participating in this activity, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further represent that I have no medical or physical conditions which could interfere with my safety in this activity, or else I am willing to assume – and bear the costs of – all the risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by and such condition. I understand that a full physical evaluation by a licensed medical provider is required to ensure I am cleared to participate in PYFB.
8. I agree to follow any additional safety regulations enacted by the Releasees including those enacted after the signing of this waiver.
9. In the event that I file a lawsuit, I agree to do so solely in the state where the Releasees' facility is located, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply.
10. I hereby grant permission to the Releasees to capture and use photographs, videos, audio recordings, and the like of the Participants for the purpose of promoting the Portage Youth Football organization and its events, teams, and mission.
11. I hereby authorize the Releasees to consult with or drive Participants to the physician, dentist, or hospital, if in the opinion of the Releasees, a need for emergency care exists. An ambulance may be called if necessary.
12. I hereby authorize the treatment, by a licensed medical professional, of the Participants in the event of a medical emergency, which, in the opinion of said professional, may endanger a Participants' life, cause physical impairment, disfigurement, or undue discomfort if delayed.
13. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

By signing this document, I agree that if I am hurt or my property is damaged during my participation in this activity, then I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being released on the basis of any claim for negligence.

I have had sufficient time to read this entire document, and should I choose to do so, consult with legal counsel prior to signing. Also, I understand that this activity might not be made available to me or that the cost to engage in this activity would be significantly greater if I were to choose not to sign this release and agree that the opportunity to participate at the stated cost in return for the execution of this release is a reasonable bargain.

I have read and understand this document and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Participant Name: _____ Participant Signature: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT (MUST BE COMPLETED FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18)

In consideration of _____ being permitted to participate in this activity, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any claims alleging negligence which are brought by or on behalf of the minor or are in any way connected with such participation by the minor.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____