

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND  
INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT RELATING TO COVID-19**

**Participant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

The severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, SAR-CoV-2 (“coronavirus”), causes the illness COVID-19 which has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely dangerous and the coronavirus is extremely contagious and believed to be spread from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state and local governments and health agencies recommend established guidelines to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus. These include requiring social distancing and, in many locations, prohibiting the congregation of large groups of people. These guidelines are for the safety of the public and should be followed. Notwithstanding recommendations and guidelines by these entities, it must be understood that the coronavirus and COVID-19 are continuing threats to the health and lives of the citizens of New York.

New York State West Programming (to include but not limited to NYW Academy, Coaching Education, ODP) and New York State West Youth Soccer Association, (“Association”), collectively referred to as the “NYSWYSA Affiliated Organizations,” have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, it is understood that the NYSWYSA Affiliated Organizations cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not come into contact with or become infected by the coronavirus. Your mere physical presence at soccer activities of the NYSWYSA Affiliated Organizations could increase your risk and your child(ren)’s risk of becoming infected by the coronavirus and developing COVID-19.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the program, related events and activities, I the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

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1. By signing this agreement, I, on behalf of myself (if a participant age 18 or older) or on behalf of myself and my minor child(ren) identified below, acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and/or I may be exposed to or infected by the COVID-19 virus by attending or participating in soccer activities of the NYSWYSA Affiliated Organizations and that such exposure may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability or death. Notwithstanding the risk of infection, my minor child(ren), if any, and I wish to voluntarily participate in soccer activities offered by the NYSWYSA Affiliated Organizations.
  2. The soccer activities offered by the NYSWYSA Affiliated Organizations include, without limitation, practices and other training, soccer matches, team activities and possibly travel for soccer matches to facilities which are not under the control of the NYSWYSA Affiliated Organizations (the “soccer activities”). I understand that although the NYSWYSA Affiliated Organizations have taken precautions to provide proper organization, supervision, instruction and equipment for the soccer activities, it is impossible for the NYSWYSA Affiliated Organizations to guarantee absolute safety from infection by the coronavirus.
  3. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by the coronavirus, and the risk of developing COVID-19 through participation in the soccer activities includes the risk arising out of or related to the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others including, but not limited to, the NYSWYSA Affiliated Organizations and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives.

