



**Disclaimer and Signatures**

**Website and Social Media Release Form**

I, the undersigned, do hereby grant permission to Southwest Stampede Athletics, a nonprofit organization to post my and/or my child's story, photo, or other item, hereinafter referred to as "Materials," I submit or "Materials" taken during practices, game days or team related functions for the Southwest Stampede Football web site ([www.swstampede.com](http://www.swstampede.com)), Twitter account (@swstampede), Facebook accounts, and Instagram (@swstampede).

I hereby release you, your representative, employees, managers, members, officers, parent companies, subsidiaries, and directors, from all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with any use of said "Materials", including, without limitation, all claims for invasion of privacy, infringement of my right of publicity, defamation and any other personal and/or property rights.

I acknowledge and agree that no sums whatsoever will be due to me as a result of the use and/or exploitation of the "Materials" or any rights therein.

I acknowledge that my child is under 18 years old and lacks the legal capacity to enter into binding agreements. Accordingly, I have read this Release and consent to my child's inclusion in the Materials will not contest the rights granted in this Release, and shall assist and support you in any and all legal proceeding for affirmation of this Agreement, should you choose to have a court of law affirm this Agreement.

**Waiver/Release of Liability**

IN CONSIDERATION OF my child/ward being allowed to participate in any way in the Southwest Stampede Athletics, a non-profit organization related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

The risks of injury and illness (ex: communicable diseases such as MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19) to my child from the activities involved in these programs are significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce these risks, the risks of serious injury and illness do exist; and,

1. FOR MYSELF, SPOUSE, AND CHILD, 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 child's participation; and,
2. I willingly agree to comply with the program's stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant concern in my child's readiness for participation and/or in the program itself, I will remove my child from the participation and bring such attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
3. I myself, my spouse, my child, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Southwest Stampede Athletics, a non-profit organization; its directors, officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, 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 INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property incident to my child's involvement or participation in these programs, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
4. I, for myself, my spouse, my child, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my involvement or participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

5. I, the parent/guardian, assert that I have explained to my child/ward: the risks of the activity, his/her responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations, and that my child/ward understands this agreement.

**I, FOR MYSELF, MY SPOUSE, AND CHILD/WARD, HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.**

## **UNDERSTANDING OF RISK**

I understand the seriousness of the risks involved in participating in this program, my personal responsibilities for adhering to rules and regulation, and accept them as a participant.

## **Code of Conduct**

### **Parent/Guardian & Fan**

Southwest Stampede Athletics seeks to instill positive character-building traits in our youth through the demonstration of good sportsmanship, respect for others, responsibility, fairness, caring and positive citizenship. We ask that parents and their guests attending SSA events and activities help by reflecting these character traits at games.

Fans will abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the provisions which follow. If any of these rules are broken, SSA shall have the authority to impose a penalty.

Parents/Fans shall:

1. Not criticize the players/cheerleaders or coaches in front of the other spectators in the stands, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private.
2. Accept decisions of the game officials (including referees and coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
3. Not be allowed on the sidelines during a game. Exception: prior approval for volunteer opportunities (chain crew, water/"ball boys" etc.) have been made with SSA organization and team coaches.
4. Not express complaints about coaches in stands or to coaches in front of or around the children (i.e. right after a game or practice). SSA has a 24 hour rule (as many high school programs). Please be respectful of coaches and SSA staff and address complaints the following day after games.
5. Be respectful toward other parents/guardians/fans during practices and games. Excessive and inappropriate behavior in the stands directed toward organization or opposing team families will not be tolerated.

**VIOLATION** Any parent or fan who violates the code of conduct risks the further participation of the child in the program. Disciplinary action may include but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or member of league organization
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident
- Parental season suspension
- Head Coach and Board vote to remove athlete and family from further participating in the organization

## **CONDUCT OF ALL PLAYERS**

All athletes will emphasize the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Show courtesy to their opponents and officials. Recognize athletic contests are serious educational endeavors. Athletes will not use profanity or talk "trash" before, during or after any game. Use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. Criticize their teammates and act in any way that may incite spectators. Athletes will be supportive and encouraging to their teammates and coaches. Be coachable and respectable during practices and games.

## **CONDUCT OF ALL PARENT/GUARDIANS**

Parent/Guardian Code: Support their child's team/squad and teach the value of commitment to the team/squad by emphasizing the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. They will show courtesy to opponents and officials. Direct constructive criticism of the athletes' athletic program to the athletic director or association officials and work toward a positive result for all concerned. They will not: Criticize officials, direct abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority. Undermine, in word or deed, the authority of the coach or administration. Intrude onto the field or stand on the sideline (without prior approval). Parent/Guardians understand that they are not paying for playing time on game days. While it is the intent to have all athletes participate during games, there is not a minimum play rule within the league. Participation in the program is to develop the athletes, improve their fundamentals and skills and have fun, which extends beyond weekend games.