# AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE WITH WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

GOLDEN FIELDS, LLC (Golden Goal, LLC) IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURY (OR LOSS OF PROPERTY) TO ANY PERSON SUFFERED WHILE PLAYING, PRACTICING OR IN ANY OTHER WAY INVOLVED IN GOLDEN GOAL’S ACTIVITIES FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, OTHER THAN NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF GOLDEN GOAL OR ITS AGENTS EMPLOYEES, SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS AND ALL OTHERS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION.

In consideration of my being allowed to participate in any way in the Golden Goal program, related events and activities, I hereby release and covenant not-to sue Golden Goal, and/or its members, directors, employees, instructors or agents, from any and all present and future claims resulting from property damage, personal injury or wrongful death, arising out of my participation in Golden Goal activities, and activities incidental thereto, wherever, whenever or however the same may occur unless caused by negligence on the part of Golden Goal, its members, directors, employees, instructors or agents. I hereby voluntarily waive any and all claims arising out of my participation in Golden Goal activities, and activities incidental thereto, other than claims of negligence on the part of Golden Goal, its members, directors, employees, instructors or agents, both present and future, which may be made by me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns. Further, I am aware that vigorous team sports at times involve severe cardiovascular stress and violent physical contact. I understand that there involves certain risks, including but not limited to death, serious neck and spinal injuries resulting in complete or partial paralysis, brain damage and serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, muscles and internal organs, and that equipment provided for my protection may be inadequate to prevent serious injury. I further understand that there is a particularly high risk of ankle, knee, head and neck injury. In addition, I understand that participation at Golden Goal involves activities incidental thereto, including but not limited to, travel to and from the site activity, participation at sites that may be remote from available medical assistance, and the possible reckless conduct of other participants.

I am voluntarily participating in this activity with knowledge of the danger involved and hereby agree to accept any and all inherent risks of property damage, personal injury or death. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Golden Goal and others listed for any and all claims arising out of my participation in Golden Goal activities or any activities incidental thereto, wherever, whenever or however the same may occur.

I give Golden Goal or its designee the irrevocable right to take and use my name, picture, likeness, photograph, film, video, digital and printed media and/or verbal statement in all forms and media and in all manners for any advertising, distributions, promotions, Internet (web site), social and other media and/or publicity purposes of Golden Goal.

Consent and Release of LIkeness: I hereby grant to Golden Goal, the right, license and permission to record me for the purposes of marketing. In connection therewith, I hereby release them and each of them from all liability.

I waive any rights I may have in connection with any use of the material, including any right to inspect and approve the finished use, including any written copy that may be created in connection with such use. I understand that this waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of New York and agree that if any portion is held invalid the remainder of the waiver will continue in full legal force and effect. I further agree that the venue for any legal proceeding shall be in the Northern District of New York or in Washington County, State of New York.

I hereby give permission to the Coach and the staff at the Golden Goal to secure appropriate medical care, which may include x-rays, routine tests and treatment for my child, in the event I cannot be reached in an emergency. I hereby give permission to the physician selected by Golden Goal to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for my child as named above.

I further acknowledge that I fully have reviewed and understand all of the documents in the Coach’s Handbook and all forms that I have executed to qualify myself and/or my child to participate at Golden Goal.

## PARTICIPANT...READ AND SIGN

I affirm that I am freely signing this agreement. I have read this form and fully understand that by signing this form, I am giving up legal rights and/or remedies which may be available to me.

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**FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF MINORITY AGE PARTICIPANT (Under Age 18 as of tournament date)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, have read the above waiver and Agreement to Participate and agree to his/her release as provided of all the releases and for myself, my heirs, assigns and next of kin. I release and agree to hold harmless the liabilities incident to my minor child’s involvement or participation in these outlined activities or programs as provided above, to the fullest extent permitted by the law. I recognize that these activities involve the potential for injury, which is inherent in all sports and acknowledge that my child is in good health and I know of no medical condition that would prevent him/her from participating in any events. I further agree to instruct my/our minor child to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation in the program or activity itself. If the minor child does not comply, I will remove my child from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest Golden Goal official immediately.

I further agree, as parent/guardian that the above participant is adequately covered by my own personal health/athletic participant liability insurance while at Golden Goal. In the event that I cannot be reached, it is permissible for Golden Fields LLC to have medical staff, doctor and/or hospital treat my child for any medical reasons deemed necessary.

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**FOR COACHES, CHAPERONES, AND REFEREES...READ AND SIGN**

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**PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE**

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**PARENT SIGNATURE**

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**COACH/CHAPERONE/REFEREE SIGNATURE**
Registration

Please register your team by Monday, April 23rd. All registrations will be done online, with the option of paying with a credit card or sending a check.

Fees

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<td>U-8</td>
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**Early Discount**

Teams that register by Tuesday, April 10th will receive a $50 discount ($25 per U8 squad).

**Group Discount**

Clubs that bring five or more teams (a U8 team consists of two squads) will receive a 10% discount. Please pay the regular or early discounted fee and we will reimburse each individual team once five have registered. Teams that register early and are from a club that brings five or more teams will receive whichever discount is largest, but not both.

**No Registration Fee for Teams that Stay Overnight**

If teams stay overnight in the Athlete Village at the Golden Goal, then the tournament registration fee will be waived—these teams will only have to pay for the overnight accommodation. The fee for overnight teams is $99 per participant, per night, with a minimum of fourteen paid participants and one coach free, and includes accommodation and meals. Teams interested in overnight accommodation should contact Mark Shearer from the Golden Goal directly at mshearer@goldengoalpark.com or (551) 777-1151.

**Awards**
For the U12, U14, and U16/18 divisions, the award for first place is a tournament soccer ball. Second place winners will receive a medallion. All U8 and U10 players will receive a participation award.

Revised: February 03, 2018
Capital District Youth Soccer League (CDYS) rules (http://cdysl.org/Page/Rules) shall apply, except where modified below:

1. **Conduct:** Players, reserve players, managers, coaches, and fans are expected to conduct themselves within the letter and spirit of FIFA’s “The Laws of the Game” and the CDYS Code of Conduct. Tournament Officials have the authority and the responsibility to remove any person(s) from the tournament for abuses of conduct, in addition to any specific disciplinary action brought about by any other authority. The referee will have the authority to warn and ultimately send off, any manager/coach whose fans behave in an abusive or disruptive manner. Tournament officials will designate one sideline to be for the sole use of the players listed on the game roster and a maximum total of three (3) managers/coaches/trainers from each team, with one team occupying one side of the mid field and one team, the other. While the game is in progress the manager/coach/trainer and the reserve players must remain on their respective benches and may not roam the sidelines. Upon the completion of each game, managers/coaches will insure their respective sideline areas are clean and that all trash is in containers. Spectators must be on the opposite side of the field as the players and shall stand back at least 3 feet from the playing field (touch line) at all times while games are in progress. No dogs or other pets are allowed on the tournament grounds.

2. **Rosters and Documents:** Coaches are required to present the following documents for review at registration on the day of the tournament: A copy of the official team roster approved by CDYS or USYSA affiliate; Current CDYS or USYSA affiliate player/coach pass cards (laminated with photo); A completed and signed USYSA Player Information and Medical Release Form (or equivalent utilized by team’s club) for each player; For guest players, a copy of the official team roster for the regular team of each guest player and current CDYS or USYSA affiliate player pass cards (laminated with photo); For Non-CDYS teams, approved permission to travel from USYSA state assoc. or affiliate; For foreign teams, approved permission to travel from their national association or affiliate. U14 and U16/17 teams playing at the Golden Goal will also have to complete, sign, and submit a Golden Goal waiver form for each player and coach. Age divisions shall be determined by player ages according to birth ranges set by United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA). Four guest players are allowed in addition to the players on a team’s official league approved roster. All players must be registered with CDYS, Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association (ENYYSA), another USYSA affiliated organization, or in the case of foreign teams, with their national association or affiliated organization.

3. **Players’ Equipment:** Player equipment must conform to FIFA rules. All players must wear shin-guards under their socks. Teams will wear uniforms of matching design and color. Numbers must be at least six (6) inches high and affixed to the back of the uniform shirt. No two players may have identical uniform numbers while both players are playing on the field at the same time. All teams shall bring numbered alternate jerseys or different colored vests (pinnies). Coaches should attempt to resolve any jersey color conflicts before the game. Home team has choice of jersey color in event of an unresolved conflict. Goalkeeper’s jersey must be a different color than that of either team jersey.

4. **Officiating:** All referees’ decisions are final. Tournament officials will be available for clarification of rulings and instances not explicitly covered in these rules.

5. **Duration of Games:** Each game for U14 through U16/18 will play 30 minutes in duration each game; U10-12 will play 25 minutes in duration; each game for U8 shall be 20 minutes in duration. At halftime of the game, the referee shall stop play, the teams shall promptly change ends and play shall resume with a kickoff at the center mark.

6. **Ball:** Size #3 for U-8. Size #4 for U-10 and U-12. Size #5 for U-14 and U-16/18.

7. **Start of Play:** The home team shall decide which goal to attack or whether to kick off. The away team shall decide the other.

8. **Number of Players:** U-8 will play with two squads of 4 players each on the field (without goalkeeper) and a maximum of 14 on the roster. U-10 will play with 7 players (including goalkeeper) on the field and a maximum of 14 on the
roster. U-12 will play with 9 players (including goalkeeper) on the field and a maximum of 18 on the roster. U-14 and U-16/18 will play with 11 players (including goalkeeper) on the field and a maximum of 22 on the roster. Players are only allowed to play on one team during the tournament.

9. **Substitutions:** Substitutions shall be made with the consent of the referee as follows: prior to either team’s throw-in if substitutes are properly occupying the substitution area, and the possession team is also substituting; prior to the goal kick by either team; after a goal, by either team; after an injury, by either team when the referee stops play (a like number); at no time may a substitute enter the field of play until they have been given permission from the referee; a player who is bleeding must be replaced until the bleeding is stopped.

10. **Fouls and Misconduct:** Players who receive a yellow card must leave the field of play until at least the next substitution opportunity. Players and coaches who receive a red card in a game shall be suspended for the following game. Players and coaches who receive two yellow cards during the same game shall be suspended for the following game. Players and coaches who receive three yellow cards during the tournament shall be suspended for the following game. Players and coaches who receive a second red card (either two straight red cards, or a combination of straight red cards and two yellow cards during a single game) will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. Coaches are responsible for their own behavior as well as their players and fans. Fighting and excessively loud or persistent dissent by players, coaches, or spectators will be grounds for individual or team ejection from the tournament with no refund of entry fees. Yellow and red cards will be recorded by the referee and reported in accordance with CDYSL/ENYYSA directives.

11. **Forfeits:** If a team has to forfeit for any reason, the opposing team is granted a 3-0 win.

12. **Tournament Scoring (U-12, U-14, and U-16/18 Only):** Win = 6 points. Tie = 3 points. Loss = 0 points. One additional point will be awarded for each goal up to 3 goals. No points will be awarded for more than 3 goals. Upon the conclusion of each game, a completed Game Scoresheet and Referee Report will be submitted by the referee to the designated tournament official.

13. **Final Standings (U-12, U-14, and U-16/18 Only):** Divisions with five teams or more will use a round robin format and there will be no playoffs. The team in each division with the highest point total is declared the tournament champion and the team with the second highest point total is declared the runner up. If two or more teams are tied in the standings on points after the round robin games, the tiebreaker sequence is:

   - Winner of the game played between the tied teams
   - Most wins
   - Goal differential (highest number of total net goals; maximum differential is 3 per game)
   - Fewest total goals allowed
   - Most shutouts
   - Penalty kicks

Divisions with four teams will play three rounds in a round robin format, followed by a championship round, where the two teams with the highest point totals will play for first place, and the third and fourth ranked teams will play for third. If the championship and/or third-place games in four-team divisions end in a tie, the teams will immediately proceed to penalty kicks.

14. **Weather:** The tournament will take place rain or shine. However, games will not be played in inclement weather if there is a possibility of injury to players or serious damage to the playing fields. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director has the authority to change the duration of any game, cancel a game or cancel the entire tournament for the safety of the players and the good of the playing fields. Field marshals or site coordinators can suspend matches due to weather conditions once play has begun. Because of contractual agreements with facilities and service resources, no guarantee is made for a full or partial refund of registration fees.

15. **General:** The tournament committee shall have the final say over any disputes and reserves the right to modify the Tournament Rules at any time.

**Contact Person:**
Ron Wolfe